

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE

LR COURSE OUTLINE  
3010 (LEGAL RELATIONS)  
Fall /Winter 1999

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**OFFICE:** C220  
**OFFICE HOURS:** By Appointment  
**CLASS TIME:** 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. Tuesday & Thursday  
**TEXT:** Smyth, Soberman & Easson, The Law and Business Administration in Canada, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition. Scarborough: Prentice-Hall (1997).

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is meant to provide a broad overview of legal principles relevant to the business world.

Some of the main areas touched upon include: contract law, forms of business organization, constitutional law, land law, employment law, torts and insurance.

**COURSE FORMAT**

The learning process in this course is based on lectures and interactive discussion of the textbook materials. Guest lectures with expertise in particular areas may also be used.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. To introduce the student to basic legal concepts.
2. To familiarize the student with specific areas in which law impacts business.

## **GRADING**

Grande Prairie Regional College uses the nine-point grading system as described in the college calendar.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the final grade you receive reflects your effort and achievement as accurately as possible.

Class Participation	10%
September Exam	15%
Mid-term Exam	30%
November Exam	15%
Final Exam	30%

\*In addition, you may be expected to complete various reading and writing assignments outside of class time, (e.g. chapter-end questions for discussion).

## **EXAMS**

You will be tested on your understanding of and ability to apply the concepts presented in class and in the readings. Textbook material and anything discussed in class, presented by guest speakers, videos or distributed in handouts may all be used for exams. The final exam will NOT cover material from the start of the course. More detail on the exams will be provided as the term progresses.

## **PARTICIPATION**

The participation grade is based on attendance and both the quantity and quality of in class participation. You should expect to be called upon to answer questions during class. You may be asked for informal exercises or assignments to be handed in on a random basis. As well, you are responsible for obtaining any notes or handouts you may have missed due to an absence.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**  
(\*May be revised as required)

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Week	Date	Topics	Reading
1	Sept. 9	Course Introduction	
2	Sept. 14	Law, freedom and Society The Role of the Courts	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
	Sept. 16	The Machinery of Justice	Ch. 3
3	Sept. 21	Offer and Acceptance	Ch. 6
	Sept. 23	Consideration and Intention Capacity to Contract	Ch. 7 Ch. 8
4	Sept. 28	Legality of Object Mistake	Ch. 9
	Sept. 30	Exam	
5	Oct. 5	Misrepresentation, Undue Influence and Duress	Ch. 10
	Oct. 7	The Requirement of Writing The Interpretation of Contracts	Ch. 11 Ch. 12
6	Oct. 12	Privity of Contract and Assignment	Ch. 13
	Oct. 14	Contractual Rights, Discharge of Contracts The Effect of Breach	Ch. 14 Ch. 15
7	Oct. 19	Midterm Exam	
	Oct. 21	Remedies for Breach	Ch. 16
8	Oct. 26	Contract of Sale: Nature and Effect	Ch. 17
	Oct. 28	Insurance and Guarantee	Ch. 19
9	Nov. 2	Principal and Agent	Ch. 20

	Nov. 4	Interests in Land and their Transfer Landlord and Tenant	Ch. 26 Ch. 27
10	Nov. 9	Mortgages of Land Sole Proprietors and Partnerships	Ch. 28 Ch. 29
	Nov. 11	Holiday	
11	Nov. 16	Exam	
	Nov. 18	The Nature of a Corporation and Its Formation	Ch. 30
12	Nov. 23	The Internal Affairs of Corporations The External Responsibilities of a Corporation	Ch. 31 Ch. 32
	Nov. 25	Legal Devices for Securing Credit	Ch. 33
13	Nov. 30	General Review	
	Dec. 2	The Law of Torts Professional Liability	Ch. 4 Ch. 5
14	Dec. 7	The Contract of Employment Negotiable Instruments	Ch. 21 Ch. 22
	Dec. 9	Intellectual Property	Ch. 25
15	Dec. 13 - 17	Final Exam (TBA)	