

**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE**

**LR COURSE OUTLINE
3010 (LEGAL RELATIONS)
Winter 2000**

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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, 8th 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, 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%
Hand - In Problems	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)

Week	Date	Topics	Reading
1	Jan. 4	Course Introduction	
	Jan. 6	Law, freedom and Society The Role of the Courts	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
2	Jan. 11	The Machinery of Justice The law of Torts	Ch. 3 Ch. 4
	Jan. 13	Offer and Acceptance	Ch. 6
3	Jan. 18	Consideration and Intention	Ch. 7
	Jan. 20	Capacity to Contract	Ch. 8
4	Jan. 25	Mistake	Ch. 9
	Jan. 27	Misrepresentation, Undue Influence, Duress	Ch. 10
5	Feb. 1	Requirement of Writing / Quiz	Ch. 11
	Feb. 3	The Interpretation of Contracts	Ch. 12
6	Feb. 8	Privity of Contract/Assignment	Ch. 13
	Feb. 10	Contractual Rights, Discharge of Contracts	Ch. 14
7	Feb. 15	The Effect of Breach	Ch. 15
	Feb. 17	Midterm Exam	
8	Feb. 29	Remedies for Breach	Ch. 16
	Mar. 2	Contract of Sale: Nature and Effect	Ch. 17
9	Mar. 7	Insurance and Guarantee Principal and Agent	Ch. 19
	Mar. 9	Interests in Land and their Transfer	Ch. 26

10	Mar. 14	Landlord and Tenant	Ch. 27
	Mar. 16	Mortgages of Land	Ch. 28
11	Mar. 21	Sole Proprietors and Partnerships	Ch. 29
	Mar. 23	The Nature of a Corporation	Ch. 30
		The Internal Affairs of Corporations	Ch. 31
12	Mar. 28	The External Responsibilities of a Corporation	Ch. 32
	Mar. 30	Legal Devices for Securing Credit	Ch. 33
13	Apr. 4	→ The Contract of Employment	Ch. 21
	Apr. 6	→ Intellectual Property	Ch. 25
14	Apr. 11	Final Exam	