

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
ARTS, EDUCATION AND COMMERCE

COURSE OUTLINE
LR 3010-G3 (LEGAL RELATIONS)
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CLASS TIME: 6:30 - 9:20 P.M. Thursday
TEXT: Smyth, Soberman & Easson. The Law and Business Administration in Canada, 7th Edition. Scarborough: Prentice-Hall (1995).

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a broad survey course meant to provide an overview of legal principles relevant to the business world. Some of the main areas touched upon include: constitutional law, tort law, forms of business organization, contracts, employment law, insurance and land law.

COURSE FORMAT

The learning process in this course is based on lectures and interactive discussion of the textbook and the occasional video. Guest lecturers 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 following nine-point grading scale:

90-100%	9
80-89	8
72-79	7
65-71	6
57-64	5
50-56	4
45-49	3
26-44	2
0-25	1

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

Chapter Exams (3 @ 20%)	60%
Final Exam	30%
Attendance, effort and participation	10%

* In addition, you may be expected to complete various reading and writing assignments outside of class time. (e.g. chapter-end questions for discussion) Pop quizzes may be used to give feedback on your comprehension and retention. Quiz scores may be factored into the participation component of your final grade.

Re: 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 is fair game for exams. Chapter exams will typically cover eight chapters. 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.

Re: 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.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

- * classes start promptly
- * enter into discussions and exercises
- * avoid private conversations when someone else has the floor
- * ask questions to make sure you understand

COURSE SCHEDULE

(*May be revised as required)

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Reading</i>
1	Jan. 8	Course Introduction. Law, Freedom and Society. The Role of the Courts.	Ch. 1 Ch. 2
2	Jan. 15	The Machinery of Justice. The Law of Torts. Professional Liability.	Ch. 3 Ch. 4 Ch. 5
3	Jan. 22	Offer & Acceptance. Consideration and Intention to Create Legal Relations. Capacity to Contract.	Ch. 6 Ch. 7 Ch. 8
4	Jan. 29	Exam 1. Legality of Object. Mistake.	Ch. 9 Ch. 10
5	Feb. 5	Misrepresentation, Undue Influence and Duress. The Requirement of Writing. The Interpretation of Contracts.	Ch. 11 Ch. 12 Ch. 13
6	Feb. 12	Privity of Contract and the Assignment of Contractual Rights. The Discharge of Contracts. The Effect of Breach.	Ch. 14 Ch. 15 Ch. 16
7	Feb. 19	Exam 2. Remedies for Breach. The Contract of Sale: Its Nature and Effect.	Ch. 17 Ch. 18
	Feb. 23	Winter Break. No classes for the week.	
8	Mar. 5	Remedies of the Parties and Consumer Protection Legislation. Insurance and Guarantee. Bailment.	Ch. 19 Ch. 20 Ch. 21
9	Mar. 12	Principal and Agent. The Contract of Employment. Negotiable Instruments.	Ch. 22 Ch. 23 Ch. 24
10	Mar. 19	Exam 3. Intellectual Property. Interests in Land and Their Transfer.	Ch. 25 Ch. 26
11	Mar. 26	Landlord and Tenant. Mortgages of Land. Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships.	Ch. 27 Ch. 28 Ch. 29

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12	Apr. 2	The Nature of a Corporations and Its Formation, The Internal Affairs of Corporations, The External Responsibilities of a Corporation.	Ch. 30 Ch. 31 Ch. 32
13	Apr. 9	Legal Devices for Securing Credit, Creditors' Rights, International Business Transactions.	Ch. 33 Ch. 34 Ch. 35
14	Apr. 15 Apr. 16	Last day of classes for most programs Final Exam (?) (T.B.A.)	
	Apr. 20-28	Final Exams for most programs	