



Course Descriptor

BLAW 405 Corporate & Business Law

ACADEMIC YEAR	2019 - 2020	SEMESTER	Spring
Course Code	BLAW 405	Course Title	Corporate & Business Law
Credit hours	3	Level of study	Year Four
College / Centre	COBA	Department	Accounting and Finance
Co- & Pre-requisites	ACCT301		

1. COURSE OUTLINE

This course involves the study of the legal environment in which a business entity operates. The entire framework of the judicial system is discussed with emphasis on the systems, institutions, and processes related to the business environment. Specific case analysis related to pertinent legal issues shall illustrate how they affect the nature in which businesses operate. Special emphasis on international and national legal structures will provide a fundamental understanding of the basis of jurisprudence related to corporate regulation. Key concepts will demonstrate the need to pursue additional professional legal expertise when the need arises.

2. AIMS

The aim of this course is to develop knowledge in understanding the primary sources of law, related legal frameworks, procedural systems in conjunction with business-related issues. In addition, the course aims to enhance problem-solving skills in addressing case study scenarios.

3. LEARNING OUTCOMES, TEACHING, LEARNING and ASSESSMENT METHODS (Indicative)

Learning Outcomes (Definitive)	Teaching and Learning methods (Indicative)	Assessment (Indicative)
1 Demonstrate and apply comprehension in the structure of various legal systems, sources of law, national & international regulation and key legal issues related to international trade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures In-class discussion Case Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral in-class assessments and feedback Homework assignments and Formal Examinations Research paper & presentations
2 Identify and explain the various types of business forms and how companies are managed, administered and regulated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures In-class discussion Case Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral in-class assessments and feedback Homework assignments and Formal Examinations Research paper & presentations
3 Analyze and research intricate issues related to the United Nations Conventions on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, implications of insolvency law and issues related to fraudulent corporate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lectures In-class discussion Case Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oral in-class assessments and feedback Homework assignments and Formal Examinations Research paper &



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	behavior.		<i>presentations</i>
4	Demonstrate cognitive and creative skills in addressing legal issues related to business law while generating appropriate responses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lectures</i> • <i>In-class discussion</i> • <i>Case Analysis</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Oral in-class assessments and feedback</i> • <i>Homework assignments and Formal Examinations</i> • <i>Research paper & presentations</i>

4. ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING

Assessment	Percentage of final mark (%)
Homework, Quizzes, Case Studies	10
First Examination	15
Mid-term Examination	15
Research Paper / Presentation	20
Final Examination	40
TOTAL	100%

5. ACHIEVING A PASS

Students will achieve 3 credit hours for this course by passing **ALL** of the course assessments and achieving a **minimum overall score of 50%**

6. COURSE CONTENT (Indicative)

WEEK	LECTURE TOPIC	TIME (HOURS)
1	<u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – Business, political and legal systems <u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – Business, political and legal systems	3 Hours
2	<u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – Business, political and legal systems <u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – International trade & regulation <u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – International trade & regulation	3 Hours
3	<u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – International trade & regulation <u>Essential Elements of Legal Systems</u> – Arbitration	3 Hours
4	<u>International Business Transactions</u> – UN Conventions & ICC Incoterms <u>International Business Transactions</u> – UN Conventions & ICC Incoterms	3 Hours
5	<u>International Business Transactions</u> – Obligations & Provisions <u>International Business Transactions</u> – Obligations & Provisions	3 Hours
6	<u>International Business Transactions</u> – Obligations & Provisions <u>International Business Transactions</u> – Obligations & Provisions	3 Hours
7	<u>International Business Transactions</u> – Obligations & Provisions Student Assessment – First Examination	3 Hours
8	<u>Transportation & International Business Transactions</u> <u>Transportation & International Business Transactions</u>	3 Hours



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6. COURSE CONTENT (Indicative)		
WEEK	LECTURE TOPIC	TIME (HOURS)
9	<u>Formation of Business Organizations</u> – Agency Law, Partnerships, Corporations	3 Hours
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10	<u>Formation of Business Organizations</u> – Agency Law, Partnerships, Corporations	3 Hours
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11	<u>Capital and Financing</u> – Capital and dividend law	3 Hours
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12	<u>Capital and Financing</u> – Capital and dividend law	3 Hours
	Student Assessment – Second Examination	
13	<u>Management, Administration and Regulation</u>	3 Hours
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14	<u>Legal Implications for Companies in Crisis</u>	3 Hours
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15 & 16	<u>Corporate Fraud and Criminal Behavior</u>	6 Hours
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	TOTAL HOURS	48 Hours
1 - 16	INDEPENDENT STUDY HOURS (RECOMMENDED)	48 Hours
	TOTAL COURSE HOURS	96 Hours

7. RECOMMENDED READING

Core text/s:

International Business Law, 2nd Edition
by Ray August, Michael Bixby, Don Mayer
ISBN 13: 9780273768616
Pearson Education Limited, 2012

ACCA: Corporate and Business Law
ISB 978-1-78740-082-5
Kaplan Publishing UK, 2018.

Library + online resources: