



BUSINESS SCHOOL
Te Kura Pakihi

COURSE OUTLINE

ACCT 429
Business Law

Semester One, 2021

This course outline contains information specific to this paper.

Paper Description and Aims

An introduction to New Zealand's legal framework and the law governing commercial transactions, different forms of business structure and the legal requirements relating to these organizations, the general law of contract and aspects of consumer, tort and insolvency law.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this paper, you should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of New Zealand law and the central role played by the government;
2. Demonstrate the skills necessary to identify the sources of law;
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in the New Zealand legal system;
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of Property Law and Trusts;
5. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the law relating to business organisations;
6. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of law of contract;
7. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of the law of torts;
8. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of insolvency law;

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Class Representatives

Class representatives are an important means of communication between students and staff. Contact details for your student class representatives can be found on the Blackboard page for this paper.

Course Delivery

Lectures:

Monday 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm Burns 2

Tuesday 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm Burns 2

Wednesday 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm Burns 2

Seminars:

Students attend the lectures and tutorials as taught in BLAW211. These are supplemented by a series of 8 seminars to be held on Thursdays on the following dates 18 March 25 March 1 June 22 April 29 April 6 May 27 May and 3 June

Location to be advised on Blackboard

Tutorials:

Tutorials: See eVision and tutorial schedule on Blackboard.

Lectures present the key conceptual material through discussion and interaction between teaching staff and students.

Seminars present the conceptual material for discussion and interaction, in relation to the law of contract, consumer law, the law of torts and personal insolvency, and provide an opportunity through interactive student participation to extend the depth of knowledge of students on the key topics covered in lectures and tutorials.

Tutorials are interactive, collaborative sessions in which students attempt to cement concepts presented at lectures with their peers in a supportive environment.

Tutorials will be held in 9 of the 13 weeks in the semester. A schedule setting out the weeks that tutorials will be held will be posted on Blackboard. You will be allocated to a tutorial and this will be available in e-Vision.

Tutorials and seminars offer you the opportunity to work in groups on a series of problems designed to apply the concepts that you have been exposed to in class and from your reading, and to stimulate your interest in the course as it applies to legal issues. The key feature of tutorials, as opposed to lectures and individual study, is participation of all members of the tutorial group. **Please prepare for seminars and tutorials before going to them.**

Course Calendar. The course calendar (in this outline) details scheduling information. Note that this calendar may change as the course proceeds. Any changes will be announced at lectures and be detailed on Blackboard.

Students are expected to prepare for and attend all classes to gain full benefit from the course.

These activities should be prepared for by reviewing information detailed on Blackboard and completing any assigned readings. Students unable to attend a lecture are expected to catch up on missed material. Unless stated otherwise, all aspects of the course are examinable.

Expectations and Workload

Students are expected to prepare prior to all tutorials. Students are expected to participate in discussion in lectures and tutorials. You should expect to spend at least 3 hours for preparation and follow up study for every lecture and tutorial.

Course Learning Resources

Recommended Text

Hubbard, Thomas and Varnham (2013) Principles of Law for New Zealand Business Students 5th ed. Pearson, Auckland.

Cassidy et al (2018); Guidebook to New Zealand Companies and Securities Law 9th ed. Wolters Kluwer

These texts are available on reserve at the Central Library or may be purchased.

Blackboard

<https://blackboard.otago.ac.nz/> provides you with access to course materials, class notices, and resources. Blackboard is used to email the whole class so it is important that you check your student email and *Blackboard* regularly.

Further information about student support, learning support and information, academic integrity and other University resources for students is available on the COMMERCE_UG_2019: Commerce Undergraduate Students site on Blackboard.

Student Webmail

We will use your student email account to email you information relevant to your programme. To forward your University email address to an email address that you use regularly:

1. Log into your StudentMail account (<http://www.otago.ac.nz/smlanding/>) using your student username and password.
2. Click the **Cog** button (top right corner).
3. Click on **Mail** under **Your App Settings**.
4. Under **Accounts** on left hand side, select **Forwarding**.
5. Under the Forwarding heading, type in the email address you want your email to be forwarded to. You can also choose to have a copy of these emails kept on your StudentMail account, so please check the box if you would like this.
6. Click the **Save** button.

Assessment

All material presented is examinable (except where stated otherwise) by a terms test and the final examination. All important assessment information such as times, content, guidelines and so on will be discussed at lectures and, where appropriate, detailed on Blackboard. *Students are responsible for ensuring that they are aware of this information, keeping track of their own progress, and catching up on any missed classes.*

Assessment	Due date	% of final grade
Assignment 1	TBA	10%
Assignment 2	TBA	10%
Terms Test	TBA	10%
Final Examination	TBA	70%

Course Requirements

Assessment will consist of, two written assignments, a terms test in the middle of the semester (time to be advised) and a final examination.

Assignment 1	10% of the course mark
Assignment 2	10% of the course mark
The terms test	10% of the course mark
The final examination	70% of the course mark

The course mark will be calculated by adding the marks for the assignments and the mark for the terms test to the final exam mark. To pass the course, students must attain a mark of at least 50% of the course mark.

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome	Assignment 1	Assignment 2	Terms Test	Exam	Total
1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of New Zealand law and the central role played by the government	10%		5%		15%
2. Demonstrate the skills necessary to identify the sources of law			3.5%		3.5%
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in the New Zealand legal system			1.5%		1.5%
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of Property Law				14%	14%
9. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the law relating to business organisations				14%	14%
5. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of law of contract				14%	14%
6. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of the law of torts		10%		14%	24%
7. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of insolvency law.				14%	14%
Total	10%	10%	10%	70%	100%

Course Calendar

Lectures

Commencing	Topic	Lecturer
Starting Mon 1 March Lectures 1-18	Law and the Constitution Statute Law and Common Law Common Law and Treaty of Waitangi Property Law Privacy law	Jo Westgate
Starting Monday 19 April Lectures 19-38	Partnerships Corporate Identity and Powers Role and Duties of Directors Shareholder's rights FMA and Capital Raising	Gerard DeCourcy

Seminars

Seminar	Thursday 5pm	Topic
1	18th March	Legal System
2	25th March	Negligence
3	1st April	Negligence – Insolvency
4	22nd April	Contract
5	29th April	Property
6	6th May	Partnerships/Company
7	27 th May	Company Identity and Powers
8	3 rd June	Directors and Shareholders-Assignment Presentation

Lectures end Friday 4 June 2020

Disclaimer

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