



BUSINESS SCHOOL
Te Kura Pakihi

COURSE OUTLINE

BLAW 212 ***Business Law relating to Obligations***

Semester Two, 2021

This course outline contains information specific to this paper. For more general information common to your papers, please refer to the COMMERCE_UG_2019: Commerce Undergraduate Students site on Blackboard.

Paper Description and Aims

This course provides an introduction to the general law of contract and aspects of consumer, tort, relationship property and insolvency law.

Prerequisite BLAW 211

Restriction: BLAW 202, ACTB 202

BLAW 212 may not be taken concurrently with or after having passed LAWS 202.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of law of contract;
2. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of consumer law;
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of the law of negligence
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of insolvency law.
5. Demonstrate a basic understanding of Relationship Property

Teaching Staff

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Tutorials: See eVision and the tutorial schedule on blackboard.

Class Representatives

Class representatives are an important means of communication between students and staff. Contact details for your student class representatives will be available on the Blackboard page for this paper once the class has selected them.

Course Delivery

Lecture Day/Time/Room:

Monday, 5:00 pm to 5:50pm,

Wednesday, 5:00 pm to 5:50pm,

Thursday, 5:00 pm to 5:50pm,

Lecture rooms to be advised.

Every week students must attend:

- Lectures
- Tutorials in weeks when there are tutorial rounds.

Attendance at lectures and tutorials is important to understanding the course material

Course Learning Resources

Textbook information,

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

This text is available on reserve at the Central Library or may be purchased.

Materials placed on Blackboard:

- Course announcements and notices;
- Recommended Readings;
- Lecture Slides;
- A schedule setting out the weeks during the semester in which there will be tutorials
- Tutorial Problems that will be discussed in the tutorials;
- Other information or material relevant to the Course.

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 assignments and the final examination. All important assessment information such as due dates and 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	Date	% of final grade	Requirements to pass this paper
Terms Test	TBA	30%	A Total mark for the course of 50% or more
Final Examination	TBA	70%	

Course Requirements

To pass the Course your total course mark must be 50% or higher. There are no terms requirements for this course. If you do not do well in the terms test, it is possible to improve your overall course mark by obtaining a higher mark in the final examination.

Referencing Style and Style Guide

For this paper the referencing style is (*e.g. Harvard, Chicago, APA, etc*). Here is a link to the style guide: (*insert link*) Style guides are also available on the University Library website: <http://www.otago.ac.nz/library/quicklinks/citation/index.html>

Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcome	Terms Test	Exam	Total
Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of law of contract;	30%	21%	51%
Demonstrate a basic knowledge of consumer law;		7%	7%
Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the fundamentals of the law of negligence		14%	14%
Demonstrate a basic knowledge of insolvency law.		14%	14%
Demonstrate a basic understanding of Relationship Property		14%	14%
Total	30%	70%	100%

These allocations may vary depending on exam question choices selected by the student.

Course Calendar

Lecture Week	Week Commencing	Topic	Reading
1	12 July 2021	Offer and Acceptance Intention to Create Legal Relations	Refer text
2	19 July 2021	Consideration, Form	
3	26 July 2021	Form, Privity and Capacity	
4	2 August 2021	Duress, Undue Influence, Unconscionable Bargains	
5	9 August 2021	Misrepresentation, Frustration, Mistake	
6	16 August 2021	Exclusion Clauses, Remedies, Consumer Law	
7	23 August 2021	Consumer Law	
Mid Semester Break 30 August – 3 September 2021			
8	6 September 2021	Introduction to torts - ACC	
9	13 September 2021	Negligence	
10	20 September 2021	Negligence	
11	27 September 2021	Relationship property	
12	4 October 2021	Insolvency	
13	11 October 2021	Insolvency all	

Lectures end Friday 15 October 2021
University Exam Period 20 October – 13 November 2021

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