



BUSINESS SCHOOL
Te Kura Pakihi

COURSE OUTLINE

BLAW 212

Business Law Relating to Obligations

Semester Two, 2017

This course outline contains information specific to this paper. For more general information common to your papers, please refer to the COMMERCE_UG_2017: Commerce Undergraduate Students site on Blackboard.

Paper Description and Aims

An introduction to 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.

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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 5:50pm	Burns 2
Wednesday	5:00 pm to 5:50pm	Burns 2
Thursday	5:00 am to 5:50am	Arch 1

Tutorials:

See eVision, and the tutorial schedule on blackboard. Note there will be 9 tutorial rounds during the semester starting on the week beginning 1 August 2017.

Lectures present the key conceptual material through discussion and interaction between teaching staff and students. You should prepare for lectures by reading the appropriate topics from the recommended text which will be available on reserve in the Central Library.

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

Tutorials begin in the fourth week of semester. You will be allocated to a tutorial and this will be available in your eVision portal. Tutorial times and locations of tutorial groups will be posted on Blackboard during the first week of lectures together with a schedule setting out the dates and topics of each tutorial round.

Tutorials offer you the opportunity to work in groups on a series of tasks 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 “everyday” 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 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 provided on Blackboard and completing the appropriate 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

Text Information: The recommended text for the course is:

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 can be purchased.

Blackboard

Blackboard <https://blackboard.otago.ac.nz/> provides you with access to any 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, or use eVision to redirect your emails to your personal account.

Student Webmail

IMPORTANT - DO THIS NOW:

Forward your University email address to an email address that you use regularly as follows:

1. [Log into your StudentMail account](#) using your student username and password.
2. Click **Options >See All Options**,
3. Under **Account**, select either the **Forward your email** shortcut or the **Connected Accounts tab**.
4. At the bottom of the screen, 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.
5. Click the **Start forwarding** link at the bottom of the page.

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
Terms Test	TBA	30%
Final Examination	TBA	70%

Course Requirements

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

The terms test 30% of the course mark

The final examination 70% of the course mark

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

Lectures	Week Commencing	Topic
3	10 July 2017	Contract Law
3	17 July 2017	Contract Law
3	24 July 2017	Contract Law
3	31 July 2017	Contract Law
3	7 August 2017	Contract Law
3	14 August 2017	Consumer Law
3	21 August 2017	Consumer Law
Mid- Semester Break		
3	4 September 2017	The Law of Tort
3	11 September 2017	The Law of Negligence
3	18 September 2017	The Law of Negligence
3	25 September 2017	Negligent Misstatement
3	2 October 2017	Personal Insolvency
3	9 October 2017	Agency, Trusts, Accounting Records

Lectures cease 12 October 2017

University Exam Period Second Semester Begins 18 October 2017

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