

Course Outline

Course Code : BSP1702/BSP1702X
Course Title : Legal Environment of Business
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Course Description

This course is intended to equip students who will be future business managers with legal knowledge that is relevant to commercial transactions so that they can, not only understand the rights and obligations of a business, but also take appropriate actions, both before and after the problem arises – so as to reduce possible negative impact on the business or to advance the interests of the business. The course will also discuss the interaction between law and ethics and further some international (particularly Asian) comparisons will be addressed in order to prepare students for a world which is highly globalised.

Course Objectives

At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- (1) predict the legal outcomes for common problems that may arise in a typical business setting;
- (2) take appropriate measures (both law and non-law related) to deal with such problems before/after they arise; and
- (3) articulate views relating to the subject at least in a class setting.

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Lesson/ Week	Topic	Activity (preparation / cases & assignments / follow-up readings & resources)
1	Introduction to Law, Ethics and Dispute Resolution	-
2	Business Organisations I	-
3	Business Organisations II	Complete Tutorial 1 before class
4	Essentials of a Contract	Complete Tutorial 2 before class; Watch video on 'Contract Variation' after class
5	Terms of a Contract	Complete Tutorial 3 before class; Watch video on 'Implied Terms' after class
6	Factors Affecting Contracts	Complete Tutorial 4 before class; Watch video on 'Parties to Contract' after class
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7	Terminating the Contract	Complete Tutorial 5 before class
8	Suing for Breach of Contract	Complete Tutorial 6 before class

9	Contract Drafting – Reading and understanding a standard contract	Complete Tutorial 7 before class; Attempt Sample Contract Exercise and watch video on 'Contract Drafting' before class
10	Sale of Goods	-
11	Preventing other Liabilities (Negligence, Vicarious Liability)	Complete Tutorial 8 before class
12	Preventing other Liabilities (Negligence, Vicarious Liability)	Complete Tutorial 9 before class
13	Wrap Up + Revision	-

General Guide & Reading

A. Textbooks

Chandran, Introduction to Business Law in Singapore (McGraw-Hill, 7th Edition)
 OR Tabalujan et al, Singapore Business Law (CommAsia, 9th Edition)

B. Reference Books

Walter Woon on Company Law (Sweet & Maxwell, Revised 3rd Edition)
 Andrew Phang, The Law of Contract in Singapore (Academy Publishing, 2nd Edition)
 Atiyah and Adams' Sale of Goods (Pearson, 14th Edition)

Indicative Assessment Modality

Assessment Components	Weightage
Take-home Group Assignment I	20%
Take-home Group Assignment II	10%
Individual Class Participation	20%
Final Examination (MCQ & Short Questions)	50%

Further details about Assessment will be shared in Seminar 1.

For Take-Home Group Assignments, each group will usually consist of 5-6 students.

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