

	<b>School of Applied Science and Management</b>
	<b>BLAW 300</b>
	<b>Commercial Law</b>
	<b>Term: Fall 202501</b>
	<b>Number of Credits: 3.0</b>
<b>Course Outline</b>	

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**Classroom:** Online  
**Class times:** Thursdays from 6:00 PM to 8:50 PM, September 4/25 to December 4/25

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The Canadian economy is built on a structure of legal institutions derived from pluralistic roots, including the common-law, civil law, and Indigenous laws. This course is designed to introduce the major areas of law generally encountered in business and commercial law. Additionally, it aims to complicate these topics by exploring how basic legal concepts in business law can be applied to northern/Indigenous communities.

### **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Prerequisite(s): None

### **EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY**

Receiving institutions determine course transferability. Find further information at: <https://www.yukonu.ca/admissions/transfer-credit>

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to describe the basic functioning of the Canadian legal system, will be able to identify the basic principles of the law of contracts, torts, agency, and property, and will be able to identify the various forms of business organization available in Canada.

The study of law as a subject places different demands on the student than would otherwise be encountered in the more traditional undergraduate level course.

It is essential that the student be able to communicate clearly and effectively when dealing with factual situations in which there is not always a clearly right or wrong answer.

### **COURSE FORMAT**

#### **Weekly breakdown of instructional hours**

It is expected that this course will require 2-3 hours/week of homework and additional reading. It is important to note that the time required will vary by individual.

## Delivery format

The course will be delivered online once per week.

## EVALUATION

Participation	10 %
Reflections and Blog Posts	25 %
Take-Home Midterm Exam	25 %
Final Exam	40 %
Total	100%

**Participation** – Students will be expected to participate in class and in group-discussions.

**Reflections and Blog Posts** – Students will be responsible for completing:

- 2 reflections, due at the start of the second week of class (September 11) and the second last week of class (November 27); and
- 3 blog posts and 3 replies to other classmates' blog posts (no more than 1 per week) on Moodle.

**Midterm Exam** – Take-home exam including questions on the basics of commercial law, including questions to identify and address issues within fact patterns.

**Final Project** – Students will have to complete a final project during. Can include presentations, podcasts, essays, etc. More details and options to be provided.

## COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Refer to the YukonU website for important dates.

## TEXTBOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS

- Fixter, Brian (2023). Foundations of Canadian Business Law. Available free online from <https://pressbooks.bccampus.ca/businesslaw> ("Fixter").
- Internet to access online case law, statutes, and articles.

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to contribute toward a positive and supportive environment and are required to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Academic misconduct includes all forms of academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, fraud, deceit, using the work of others without their permission, aiding other students in committing academic offences, misrepresenting academic assignments prepared by others as one's own, or any other forms of academic dishonesty including falsification of any information on any Yukon University document.

Please refer to Academic Regulations & Procedures for further details about academic standing and student rights and responsibilities.

## ACCESSIBILITY AND ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Yukon University is committed to providing a positive, supportive, and barrier-free academic environment for all its students. Students experiencing barriers to full participation due to a visible or hidden disability (including hearing, vision, mobility, learning disability, mental health, chronic or temporary medical condition), should contact [Accessibility Services](#) for resources or to arrange academic accommodations: [access@yukonu.ca](mailto:access@yukonu.ca).

## COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Class Date	Topic	Evaluation
1	September 4	<b>Introduction to Law, Society and Business</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Aaron Mills – The Lifeworlds of Law: On Revitalizing Indigenous Legal Orders Today</a></li><li>• <a href="#">British Columbia Law Institute – Legal Pluralism in Canada</a></li></ul>	
2	September 11	<b>The Canadian Legal System</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixter, Chapters 1 and 2</li></ul>	
3	September 18	<b>Basics of Torts</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixter, Chapters 3 and 4</li><li>• Case Law TBD</li></ul>	
4	September 25	<b>Basics of Contracts and Agency</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixter, Chapters 5, 6 and 7</li><li>• <i>Tr’ondek Hwechi’in Government v Nick Lanteigne and Lanteigne Tree Services, 2025 YKSM 2</i></li></ul>	
5	October 2	<b>Basics of Property (and Intellectual Property)</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixter, Chapters 11 and 12</li><li>• TBD</li></ul>	
6	October 9	<b>Basics of Business Organizations</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fixter, Chapter 9</li></ul>	<b>Midterm distributed</b>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	
7	October 16	<b>Basics of Employment and Human Rights Law</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixter, Chapter 10</li> </ul> TBD	
8	October 23	<b>Revisiting Torts: Indigenous Environmental Rights and Protected Economies</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	<b>Midterm due</b>
9	October 30	<b>Revisiting Contracts: Modern Treaties and Indigenous Stories</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	
10	November 6	<b>Revisiting Property: Aboriginal Title and Cultural Property</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	
11	November 10-Nov 14	<b>No Classes- Reading Week</b> Monday Nov 10- Friday Nov 14	
12	November 21	<b>Revisiting Business Associations: Development Corporations and Indigenous Business</b> <u>Readings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>	
13	November 27	<b>Other Key Issues in Commercial Law and Social Responsibility</b> <u>Readings</u> TBD	
14	December 4	<b>Concluding Commercial Law</b>	