

FB6857P: TOPICS IN BUSINESS LAW

Effective Term

Semester A 2026/27

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Topics in Business Law

Subject Code

FB - College of Business (FB)

Course Number

6857P

Academic Unit

College of Business (CB)

College/School

College of Business (CB)

Course Duration

Non-standard Duration

Other Course Duration

Intensive mode: 4 days

Credit Units

2

Level

P5, P6 - Postgraduate Degree

Medium of Instruction

Chinese (Putonghua)

Medium of Assessment

Chinese

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Additional Information

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

This course is a tailor-made class that provides the business executives with an understanding of certain critical legal concepts that are an integral part of the decision-making process for a business enterprise to operate effectively. The purpose of this course is to provide students with a framework that will enable students to identify legal issues that arise in a variety of circumstances. This course will focus primarily on the legal regime in China, Hong Kong and generally Asia. The course is highly interactive – legal principles will be imparted as students seek to identify legal issues arising in actual business situations. Through the course, the students will be better equipped to effectively achieve business objectives against the backdrop of fundamental legal principles.

This course aims to help students

- examine the nature, scope and significance of business law topics,
- develop a basic understanding of the legal environment
- promote an awareness of the legal and commercial contexts in which business operates.
- apply course content to students' own corporate decision-making scenarios.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

	CILOs	Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Describe and explain basic principles or concepts of business law.	20	x	x	x
2	Analyse and critically evaluate: - selected business law topics; - the objectives and practical implications of business law; - other social and commercial contexts in relation to other branches of law.	30	x	x	x
3	Apply principles of business law to enhance a risk-averse awareness/strategy in decision-making.	20	x	x	x
4	Apply the core modules spanning foundational business law (contract law, company law), frontier commercial topics (IP commercialization, platform liability, AI&data privacy compliance) and practical dispute resolution mechanisms, with a dedicated focus on the legal regimes of Mainland China, Hong Kong and broader Asia.	30	x	x	x

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

LTAs		Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	Preparation for lectures	- Researching primary and secondary sources of law in order to understand principles of advanced topics in business law in their practical application. - Students will be expected to read and research on the pre-circulated reading materials, such as landmark legal cases and be ready to contribute to discussion.	1, 2, 3, 4	
2	Lectures/Seminars	- Students will be introduced to principles of business law in their practical application. - Students will learn how to solve problems by applying business law. - Students will, by answering questions and engaging in exercises in relation to principles of business law, develop analytical and critical skills. - Students are required to analyse facts and law and critically examine the adequacy and effective of the law in its current state. - Students are required to participate in group discussion, particularly by making presentations on pre-assigned aspects of assignments.	1, 2, 3, 4	
3	Group Discussion	- Students are required to form a group to diagnose legal risks in a real compliance scenario from their own organization, map the issue to relevant regional regulations and propose actionable strategies.	1, 2, 3, 4	

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("-" for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Class discussion	1, 2, 3, 4	50	-	Yes
2	Group Assignment	1, 2, 3, 4	25	-	Yes
3	Individual Case Analysis	1, 2, 3, 4	25	-	Yes

Continuous Assessment (%)

100

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

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Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

1. Basics: contract law
2. Basics: company law
3. Strategic IP: protection, commercialization and integration with other goals of the firm
4. Liability of platform services providers (IP, financial services ...)
5. AI, Big data, privacy and consumer welfare
6. Contract management and compliance
7. Dispute resolution: litigation, arbitration and other ADRs.
8. Customized Case Study

9. Legal practical experts

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	There is no one book that students must have in order to study this course but information will be supplied regarding recommended reading for each topic.

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Nil