

LW2903: BUSINESS AND LAW

Effective Term

Semester B 2025/26

Part I Course Overview

Course Title

Business and Law

Subject Code

LW - Law

Course Number

2903

Academic Unit

School of Law (FL)

College/School

School of Law (FL)

Course Duration

One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level

B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction

English

Medium of Assessment

English

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses

Nil

Exclusive Courses

Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

- Introduce students to the Laws of Hong Kong, including the Legal System, Contract Law, Tort Law, Employment Law, Data Privacy Law, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

- Develop a clear understanding of the fundamental principles underpinning the Legal System of Hong Kong, Contract Law, Tort Law, Employment Law, Data Privacy Law, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Highlight the relevance of law to students' major disciplines and professional contexts.
- Enable students to undertake an in-depth study of selected contract and tort issues of particular significance to their major disciplines

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

CILOs		Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Describe and discuss the basic principles of law	35	x		
2	Explain the legal principles from decided cases	25	x	x	
3	Apply basic skills of interpreting legislation	15	x	x	x
4	Identify relevant legal issues which may arise in the context of the student's future occupation	10	x	x	x
5	Apply relevant legal analysis to case study situations thereby developing problem solving and application skills	15	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	<p>3-hour seminar (2-hour lecture and 1-hour large group tutorial)</p> <p>Lecture Students will engage in formal lectures to gain knowledge on the basic principles of law through the lecturer as well as discussions during the lecture</p> <p>Large group tutorial Students will engage in answering tutorial questions – some of these questions are there to “refresh” the students’ memory which helps the students to remember and understand the previous week’s lecture</p>	1	

2	3-hour seminar (2-hour lecture and 1-hour large group tutorial)	<p>Students are expected to read the course manual and notes, including case materials, in preparation for lectures to enhance their understanding.</p> <p>Students will actively participate in tutorial activities, including structured discussion and answering questions.</p>	2	
3	3-hour seminar (2-hour lecture and 1-hour large group tutorial)	<p>Lecture Students will learn how to locate and reference legislation in Hong Kong. Key provisions of the law will be explained during class</p> <p>Large group tutorial Students will justify and apply the relevant legislation when answering tutorial questions – both problem-based and essay questions</p>	3	
4	3-hour seminar (2-hour lecture and 1-hour large group tutorial)	<p>Lecture Lecturers will give real life examples to demonstrate how the law functions in society.</p> <p>Large group tutorial Students will be asked to discuss consider the law and how it affects their daily lives as well as their future career</p>	4	

5	3-hour seminar (2-hour lecture and 1-hour large group tutorial)	<p>Lecture Cases will be discussed thoroughly during the lectures as to ensure students' ability to grasp the relevant legal principles from decided cases</p> <p>Large group tutorial Students will critically analyse case study questions and apply relevant legal rules and principles to them</p>	5	
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Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

ATs		CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks ("- " for nil entry)	Allow Use of GenAI?
1	Written Assignment	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	30	-	No

Continuous Assessment (%)

30

Examination (%)

70

Examination Duration (Hours)

2

Minimum Examination Passing Requirement (%)

30

Additional Information for ATs

Students are given one month to complete the assignment question. In answering the question, the students are expected to identify all the relevant legal issues and apply the legal principles from cases and legislation.

The examination consists of several problem-based questions which will test students' ability to identify the legal issues, describe the relevant legal principles as extracted from cases and apply the legal principles to the factual scenarios raised in the questions. The examination may also contain essay type questions which will test students' understanding of the topic.

The assessment tasks of this course will be a closed book examination (students can bring 2 sheets of A4 paper with their own notes – typed or handwritten into the exam.) Both the take home assignment and closed book examination consist of essays and problem-based questions. The students' performance will be assessed in accordance with their overall achievement of the intended learning outcomes.

A student must obtain a minimum mark of 30 in the final examination and achieve an overall mark of 40% in order to pass this course.

Assessment Rubrics (AR)**Assessment Task**

1. Assignment

Criterion

Written assignment: 30%

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

Strong evidence of original thinking; good organization, capacity to analyse and synthesize; superior grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base.

Good (B+, B, B-)

Evidence of grasp of subject, some evidence of critical capacity and analytic ability; reasonable understanding of issues; evidence of familiarity with literature

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Understanding of the subject; ability to develop solutions to simple problems in the material.

Marginal (D)

Sufficient familiarity with the subject matter to enable the student to progress without repeating the course.

Failure (F)

Little evidence of familiarity with the subject matter; weakness in critical and analytic skills; limited, or irrelevant use of literature.

Assessment Task

2. Examination

Criterion

Closed-book examination : 70%

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

Strong evidence of original thinking; good organization, capacity to analyse and synthesize; superior grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base.

Good (B+, B, B-)

Evidence of grasp of subject, some evidence of critical capacity and analytic ability; reasonable understanding of issues; evidence of familiarity with literature

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Understanding of the subject; ability to develop solutions to simple problems in the material.

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Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

- General Introduction to the Hong Kong Legal System
The legal system, sources of law, the Basic Law, civil and common law, civil obligations and criminal law and the court system
- General Introduction to the Law of Contract
Formation of contract, intention to create legal relations, offer, acceptance, consideration, vitiating factors (misrepresentation), exclusion clauses, discharge and remedies
- General Introduction to the Law of Tort

Torts in general (strict liability, unintentional torts and intentional torts), including general negligence, negligent misstatement and vicarious liability.

- General Introduction to Employment Law
Employment contract, probation period, sick leave, rest days, holidays, wages, restrictive covenants and termination of an employment contract.
- Brief Introduction to the Data Privacy Ordinance of Hong Kong
- General Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediation and arbitration

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

Title	
1	D K Srivastava, Business Law in Hong Kong, 6th Edition, Sweet & Maxwell, (2020)

Additional Readings

Title	
1	Stefan H.C Lo; Kevin Kwok-yin Cheng; Wing Hong Chui, The Hong Kong Legal System, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2020.
2	Vanessa Stott, An introduction to Hong Kong Business Law, 5th Edition, Pearson HK, 2019