

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
471.34 – Commercial Law
3 credit hours
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SYLLABUS

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to provide the student a general understanding of the law and structure of the Canadian legal system, with an emphasis on business law. Topics covered will include contracts, torts, insurance and business organizations, among others.

B. REQUIRED READINGS

Any required readings will be placed on reserve in the Library. Notice regarding any required readings will be given in class. If interested, the text *The Law and Business Administration in Canada* (J.E. Smyth) is a good resource to help provide an understanding of many of the topics that will be covered in class.

C. EXAMS

There will be one examination administered at or around mid-term and a second examination administered during the final class.

D. GRADING

Class participation	10%
Mid-term Examination	45%
Final Examination	<u>45%</u>
Total	100%

E. CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students are advised that the attendance requirements for Providence College are as follows:

“Chapel Services, special meetings (e.g., Missions Conference, Baccalaureate Conference, etc.), and classes all are considered to be a part of the academic program of the College and usual attendance requirements apply. A grade of “F” will be given in courses in which a student misses more than 20% of the classes held except by special action of the Academic Committee. Absences on the day preceding or following a break or holiday will be counted as double absences.”

F. COURSE OUTLINE

1. INTRODUCTION TO CANADIAN LAW

- a. Civil Law
- b. Litigation and Court Process
- c. The Nature and Roles of the Courts
- d. Evidence

2. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY

- a. Contracts
- b. Torts

3. BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS IN CANADA

4. BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS

- a. Agency
- b. Employment Contracts

5. REAL PROPERTY

6. NETOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS

7. SECURED TRANSACTIONS

8. TRADEMARKS AND PATENTS

9. TRUSTS

10. BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY