
Capital University of Economics and Business

Overseas Chinese College

Course Syllabus

<u>Year and Semester</u>	2018 Fall (September 3, 2018 - January 4, 2019)
<u>Course Name</u>	Corporate and Business Law
<u>Course Code</u>	MGBA111
<u>Course Type</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Education (Required) <input type="checkbox"/> General Education (Elective) <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Course (Required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Course (Elective) <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Disciplinary Course
<u>Course Credits</u>	3
<u>Course Hours</u>	48
<u>Prerequisites</u>	None
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<u>Learning Centre</u>	T: 18:00—20:00pm; W: 10:00-12:00am
<u>Grade/Section</u>	2017BA/Y01
<u>Course Time/Place</u>	T: 15:40—17:30 / 5#109; F: 9:00-9:50 / 5#109

Textbook

Law for business students, 7th Edition, Alix Adams, China Renmin University Press, 2014, 6, ISBN 978-7-300-18750-1

Reference Book

1. Law for business students, 7th Edition, Alix Adams, Pearson, 2012, ISBN 978-140-828-707-1

Course Description

The aims of this unit are to introduce students to the framework of the general legal system and to provide an overview of various areas of the law. Course topics include formation and legal systems, contract law, the laws of agency, law of torts, consumer protection and business structures of agency, partnership as well as corporations. It will attempt to help students to build up the critical thinking skills, analytic ability, and oral and questioning skills in the context of the study of business law.

Student Learning Objectives

After studying this course, students should be able to:

- Identify the essential elements of the legal system, including the main sources of law.
- Recognize and apply the appropriate legal rules relating to the law of obligations.
- Explain and apply the law relating to employment relationships.
- Recognize and compare types of capital and the financing of companies.
- Demonstrate and understanding of governance and ethical issues relating to business.

Website Source

1. <https://www.rdjg.com.cn>
2. <https://www.personhighered.com/educator>

Teaching Methods

This course contains lectures, class discussions, homework, quizzes, presentation and exams. Textbook content will be introduced first. Then real case and practice questions will be delivered to students as a way to test their understanding of the knowledge. This will require individual or group assignment in or after class.

Grade Criterion

Component	Weight	Description
Final Exam	20%	A cumulative final examination will be given based on all of the contents of the class. The exam paper may be composed of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, essay questions as well as case studies. Students should rely primarily on homework assignments to give them a sense of what they may see for material on exams.
Midterm test	20%	A cumulative Midterm Test will be given based on all of the contents of the class. The exam paper may be composed of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, essay questions as well as case studies. Students should rely primarily on homework assignments to give them a sense of what they may see for material on exams.
Homework	15%	Most of the assigned homework is taken from the Exercises in the textbook. Assignments will be collected at the clearly stated date. Late assignments will not be accepted. The graded assignments will be kept by the tutor for reference and won't be returned to students.
Quizzes	15%	There will be at least 2 quizzes during the semester. Quizzes may or may not be announced in advance. It may also be used as a way to check the attendance. Quizzes will test your knowledge of both concepts and the application of those concepts.
Presentation	10%	The students will be divided into several groups to prepare a presentation. Each student is required to be involved in the presentation. The topics

		can be selected from the textbook or lectures. Each group need to finish a PPT related to the topic which is given and hand in the related resources to the teacher before the presentation.
Participation	10%	Individuals will be asked to participate individually in a question and answer at least 5 times during the semester. The performances should be counted in their participation.
Attendance	10%	Refer to attendance policy listed below
Total	100%	

Detailed Grade Computation

	Before Midterm	After Midterm
Attendance	5%	5%
Participation	5%	5%
Homework	5%	10%
Quizzes	5%	10%
Presentation		10%
Midterm test	20%	
Final exam		20%
Total	40%	60%

Grading Policy

A+ 97-100 A 93-96 A- 90-92 B+ 87-89 B 83-86 B- 80-82
 C+ 75-79 C 70-74 C- 67-69 D+ 63-66 D 62-60 F 0-59

Exam Schedule

Midterm Test: November 5-9, 2018;

Final Exam: January 7-11, 2019

Assessment of Student Performance

Self-Study and Reading ability Practice

Instructor will give out the chapters or the reference books to read and use class hours to have discussion; students should be able to show a proactive attitude and ability for self-study and reading. Knowledge and oral English will be elements of homework or presentation score.

Homework

Students should finish their homework by themselves. Copying from others will be treated as cheating and the homework scores will be lowered. Students should hand in all assignments on time. Late assignments will be accepted at the discretion of the instructor (i.e., when the student was ill or had an excused absence). Late assignments without reasonable proof will be reduced in score by 50%.

Attendance

Because the course covers a great deal of material, attending every class session is very important for performing well.

- ◆ Being late for 15 minutes or more is considered an absence.
- ◆ Five hours or above of unexcused absences will result in the lower level of the final grade by one grade band (e.g. from C – to D +). Any excused absence must be discussed directly with the teacher.
- ◆ Absence which is more than 1/3 of the total teaching hours will cause an F (a failing grade) directly.
but students are welcome to continue attending classes.
- ◆ An incomplete grade (I) will be considered in case of medical or family emergencies.

Participation

- ◆ Students should participate in classes actively. Half of participation grade is determined by their presentation in class. They are encouraged to ask questions relevant to the subject and express their own opinions. Every student should respect the ideas, opinions, and questions of their classmates.
- ◆ Students should also use office hours to ask questions or talk with the instructor for good communication and effective learning.
- ◆ Frequent visiting the instructor and chatting in English during office hours is highly recommended.
- ◆ Any misbehavior and non-class related activities in class will result in the lower level of the participation grade, including ringing cell phones.
- ◆ All above behaviors will be solely evaluated by the instructor for scoring.

Textbook

Students must bring the textbook to class.

Topical Course Outline

Week	Date	Topics	Homework
1	Sep. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to Corporate and Business Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam Format • Study Suggestions ● Chapter 2 The nature of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to English Law. • The differences between Criminal Law and Civil Law • Class Activity 1 	—
	Sep. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 2 The nature of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the law • Class Activity 2 	
2	Sep.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 4 Resolving Legal Disputes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Court System • The tribunal System Class Activity 1 (Page 57, Question 1) ● Chapter 5 The law of contract: offer and acceptance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The essentials of a binding contract 	Homework: Assignment 3(Page 76)
	Sep.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 5 The law of contract: offer and acceptance. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The offer • The acceptance. • Class Activity 2(Page 75, Question 1) 	
3	Sep.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 5 The law of contract: offer and acceptance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Answers for Class Activity 2 (page 75, Question 1) ● Chapter 6 The law of contract: consideration, intention and privity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Consideration •Intention to create legal relations • Real Life Case 	—
	Sep.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 6 The law of contract: consideration, intention and privity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Privity of contract •Class Activity-Page 90 	
4	Sep. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 7 The terms of the contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Express and Implied terms •The relative importance of contractual terms •Limitation and exclusion of liability •The consumer Contracts Regulations 1999 •Class activity 1 	Homework: Page 112 Assignment 5
	Sep. 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 7 The terms of the contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Case analysis •Class Activity 2 	
5	Oct. 2	— (National Day Holiday)	—
	Oct. 5	— (National Day Holiday)	—
6	Oct. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 8 Defects in the contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misrepresentation. • Mistake •Duress and undue influence •Class Activity 1 	Vocabulary Testing
	Oct. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 8 Defects in the contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze of Real Life •Class Activity 2 (Page 133 Assignment 16) 	
7	Oct. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 11 The law of agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Creation of agency •The rights and duties of the agent • The rights and duties of the principal •Real Life case • Class Activity 1 	Text book Page 185 Assignment 9 (a &b)
	Oct. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 11 The law of agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Termination of agency • Some common types of specialist agents • Class activity 2 (Page 184 Quiz 10, Question 1 & 2) 	
8	Oct. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 12 Sale of goods: The contract and its terms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The sale of goods contract • The terms implied by the Sale of Goods Act 1979 •Transfer of title by non-owner • Class Activity 1 	—
	Oct. 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 12 Sale of goods: The contract and its terms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of the contract 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remedies for breach of the sale of goods contract • Class Activity 2 (Page 199, Assignment 10) 	
9	Oct. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 14 Tort Liability for defective goods. • Negligence liability • The Consumer Protect Act 1987 • Class Activity 1 	—
	Nov. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 14 Tort Liability for defective goods. • Real Life Analysis • Class Activity 2 (Assignment 12 Page 233) 	
10	Nov. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midterm Test Revision ● Class Activity 1 	—
	Nov. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Midterm Test 	
11	Nov. 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 17 Business Organization • Legal personality, incorporation and limited liability • The sole trader • The partnership • Case Analysis 	Text Book Page 314, Assignment 15
	Nov. 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 17 Business Organization • The registered company • Class Activity (Page 313) 	
12	Nov. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 18 Forming a registered company • Promoting the company • Forming the company • Class Activity 1 (Quiz 17, Question 3) 	—
	Nov. 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 19 Running the company • Share Capital • Loan Capital • Real Life Case 	
13	Nov. 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 20 Daily management of the company • The directors • The auditors of the company • Real Life Case • Class Activity (Quiz 19) 	Text book Page 395: Quiz 20, Question 3 & 4.
	Nov. 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 21 Company meeting and shareholder participation • General Meetings • Protecting the rights of minority shareholders • Class activity 	
14	Dec. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 22 Statutory intellectual property protection • Copyright • Designs • Patents • Trademarks • Class Activity 1 (Page 377, Quiz 21, Question 1) 	Text Book: Page 377, Quiz 21, Question 2
	Dec. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 22 Statutory intellectual property protection • Real Life Case • Class Activity 1 (Page 377, Quiz 21, Question 3) 	
15	Dec. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 23 Common Law Protection of intellectual property • Passing off • Breach of confidence • Real life Case 	—
	Dec. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chapter 23 Common Law Protection of intellectual property • Class Activity (Page 390, Quiz 22, Question 1) 	
16	Dec. 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Presentation 1- Approximately 8-9 Groups (3-4 students per 	

		group)	
	Dec. 21	●Presentation 2- Approximately 4-5 Groups (3-4 students per group)	
17	Dec. 25	Assignments Revision	—
	Dec. 28	Final Revision	—
18	Jan. 1	(New Year's Day Holiday)	—
	Jan. 5	Exam Begins	—

Note: Some chapters or sections may leave for self-study, this is the students' duty to learn and understand, they may also be included in the quizzes or exams.

A review in Chinese may be held during L.C. and O.H. in the semester.

Teacher's Office Hour

- ♦The instructor's office hour is shown in the front of the office door.
- ♦Students are suggested to use the instructor's office hour and learning center to ask questions or talk with the instructor once at least per week for good communication and effective learning, which is recorded in the students' participation.
- ♦The time can be scheduled by instructors or students, or both.

Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating is not tolerated. Any student caught cheating on a quiz; test or exam will be given a mark of zero (0) for the particular work. At the beginning of the semester the definition of plagiarism will be carefully explained, when any thoughts or writings of another person are used, they must be clearly identified (usually one uses quotation marks) and the source notes. **If any student is caught cheating on any homework assignment, the highest score the student can earn in that course is a "C".**

Important Dates

Fall Semester, 2018	August 31, 2018— January 13, 2019
Aug. 31	Registration
Sep.3	Classes Begin
Sep.7 - 20	Freshmen's Military Training
Sep.24	Classes Begin (Freshmen)
Sep.24	Mid-Autumn Festival (tentative)
Oct.1 - 5	National Day Holiday (tentative)
Oct. 29 -Nov. 2	Mid-term Test
Jan.1, 2019	New Year's Day Holiday (tentative)
Jan.2-11	Final Exam Period
Jan.14	Winter Vacation Begins

Note: This syllabus is tentative and may be changed or modified throughout the semester. Allstudents will

be notified and a new syllabus will be given.

Instructor: Department Head:

