

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3201B – Business Enterprise Frameworks
TERM:	Winter 2017
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Monday, 18 h 05 to 20 h 55 Room: Southam Hall, 518
INSTRUCTOR:	Gilles LeVasseur
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accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://carleton.ca/pmc/students/dates-and-deadlines/>

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<http://carleton.ca/law/current-students/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

LAWS 3201 is a course that studies the different forms of business organization, including proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.

Business identity and consequences resulting from form will be emphasized, including the risks of adopting each form, both from a legal, practical and policy perspective. Using material from the text, lectures, legal cases and case studies students will learn the basic forms of business organization and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The goal is to situate business enterprises law within its general social setting, practically and theoretically, and to examine the interrelationship between the aspirations and practices of

each. The class will also look in detail at the participants and parties in the business law system, and in particular examine the mechanisms of accountability and control for these actors and their relative effectiveness. Current examples and reforms will be discussed throughout the course to highlight the pertinent issues and problems within the business environment.

N.B. The prerequisite for enrolling in this course is the successful completion of LAWS 1000.

REQUIRED TEXTS

J. Anthony VanDuzer – The Law of Partnerships and Corporations, 3rd ed. Irwin Law, 2009 – ISBN 978-1-55221-17719. Available for purchase at the Bookstore.

EVALUATION

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

1. Midterm	30%	February 27, 2017
2. Written assignment	30%	March 27, 2017
3. April Examination	40%	Exam period, April 10 – 25, 2017

Explanation of evaluation scheme

1. The April exam will be held during the formal examination period; the exact date, time and location will be announced by the Scheduling Office during the term.
2. The midterm will be written on **Monday, February 27, at 18:05 am – 20:05 am**. It will be a closed book exam. Complete details will be provided before the midterm.
3. The details of the written assignment will be announced during term.

Please note:

- i) A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation must be provided to support any request to write a deferred examination or to hand in the assignment late.
- ii) Both sections of the course write the same assignment and exams.
- iii) The penalty for a late assignment is zero if past the due date.
- iv) Students are not permitted to tape-record or use any devices of any nature to record or broadcast the content of the class or the course material without the explicit consent of the professor.
- v) Students must attend the classes since the relevant content and information regarding the evaluations will be presented in class.

SCHEDULE

The course syllabus will generally follow the topics as presented in the "Table of Contents" in the text. The general topics and the order in which they are presented are as follows (subject to some variations as required by time constraints):

1. Introduction – Chapter one, Relationship between Law and Business
2. Sole Proprietary – Chapter one
3. Partnerships – Chapter two
4. Partnership Agreement – Chapter two
5. History of Corporations – Chapter three
6. Shareholders – Chapter four
7. Management of the Corporation – Chapter five
8. Shares – Chapter six
9. Directors liabilities – Chapters seven, eight and nine
10. Remedies – chapters ten and eleven
11. Social responsibility – Chapters twelve and thirteen
12. Conclusion