

**Course Outline**

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**COURSE:** LAWS 3201B – Business Enterprise Frameworks

**TERM:** WINTER 2019

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 2201 and LAWS 2202

**CLASS:**           **Day & Time:** Wednesdays 6:05pm – 8:55pm  
                          **Room:** Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

**INSTRUCTOR:**                   Gilles LeVasseur  
**(CONTRACT)**

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**CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Forms of carrying on business activity: proprietorships, partnerships, corporations and Crown entities. The rights and obligations of such business enterprises both internally and in relation with other persons. The relationship between legal form and economic function. The role of state intervention.

**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.
- Students will be able at the end of the course to create a corporation and understand the legal implications.

**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

**(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)**

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 40% February 27, 2018 (development questions)
- 2. April Examination 60% TBA by the University (development questions)

The final 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.

The midterm will be written on **Wednesday, February 27, at 18:05 – 20:05**. It will be a closed book exam. Complete details will be provided before the midterm.

The details of the written assignment will be announced during term.

### 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):
- **The Winter Break is February 18-22.**
- Introduction – Chapter one, Relationship between Law and Business
- Sole Proprietary – Chapter one
- Partnerships – Chapter two
- Partnership Agreement – Chapter two
- History of Corporations – Chapter three
- Shareholders – Chapter four
- Management of the Corporation – Chapter five
- Shares – Chapter six
- Directors liabilities – Chapters seven, eight and nine
- Remedies – chapters ten and eleven

- Social responsibility – Chapters twelve and thirteen
- Conclusion

**Students do not use cell phones during lectures. The phones are to be stored away at the beginning of the class. In no circumstances are students permitted to tape record comments, lectures or course material.**

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## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** Please contact me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](http://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Equity Services website: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](http://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact The Paul Menton Centre (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC Website for their deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) [www.carleton.ca/pmc](http://www.carleton.ca/pmc)

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### **Accommodation for Student Activities**

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: [students.carleton.ca/course-outline](http://students.carleton.ca/course-outline)

### **Department Policy**

The Department of Law and Legal Studies operates in association with certain policies and procedures. Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations.

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