

Carleton University

Department of Law and Legal Studies

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 3003A – Contracts

TERM: FALL 2023

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 2202 and .5 credits in LAWS at the 2000 level

CLASS: Day & Time: Tuesdays 6:05 pm - 8:55 pm
On Line:

INSTRUCTOR: David Dwoskin
(CONTRACT)

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Office Hours – Following each class

CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is about the enforcement of promises and agreements; basic doctrines and underlying principles of the law of contract; remedies for breach of contract; role of contract for economic, equitable and social purposes is also considered.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Contracts: Cases and Commentaries, Eleventh Edition Stephanie Ben-Ishai and David R. Percy.

Available from the Carleton University Book Store and the Book Store's online portal:

<https://www.bkstr.com/carletonstore/home>

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.

20% - Class participation.

The mark out of 20 assesses participation in class discussion, and a record will be kept tracking participation.

40% - Assignment

Mid-term assignment – to be posted on Brightspace **October 17, 2023**, due back **November 14, 2023**, posted to Brightspace. Late penalty – 5% of your mark for each day late.

40% - Final exam

3-hour open book online exam – during the final exam period – **December 10-22, 2023**.

LATE PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

The granting of extensions is determined by the instructor, who will confirm whether an extension is granted and the length of the extension. For requests for extensions lasting less than 7 days, please complete the form at the following link and submit it to the instructor prior to the assignment due date: <https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/self-declaration.pdf>.

Extensions for longer than 7 days will normally not be granted. In those extraordinary cases where extensions lasting longer than 7 days are granted, -the student will be required to provide additional information to justify the longer extension (up to a maximum of 14 days).

SCHEDULE

Reading	Date	Lecture topic
Chapter 1	Sept. 12	The Law of Contract
Chapter 3	Sept. 19	Formation of the Agreement – Offer and Acceptance
Chapter 4	Sept. 26	Formation of the Agreement – Certainty of Terms
Chapter 5	Oct. 3	Enforcement of Promises
Chapter 6	Oct. 10	Privity of Contract
Chapter 7	Oct. 17	Contingent Agreements Assignment posted online
Oct. 23-27	FALL BREAK – NO CLASSES	
Chapter 8	Oct. 31	Contract Terms, Conditions, Warranties, Parole evidence
Chapter 10	Nov. 7	Standard Form Contracts and Exclusion Clauses
Chapter 11	Nov. 14	Mistake Assignment due back
Chapter 12	Nov. 21	Frustration
Chapter 13	Nov. 28	Protection of Weaker Parties

December 5 - Review Class

December 10-22 FORMALLY SCHEDULED EXAM PERIOD

DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Please review the following webpage to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations, particularly regarding standard departmental protocols and academic integrity requirements:

<https://carleton.ca/law/student-experience-resources/>.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own. Plagiarism includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, and material on the Internet. Plagiarism is a serious offence.

More information on the University's Academic Integrity Policy can be found at:

<https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

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

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 accommodation regarding a formally scheduled final exam, you must complete the [Pregnancy Accommodation Form](https://carleton.ca/equity/contact/form-pregnancy-accommodation/) that you can find at: <https://carleton.ca/equity/contact/form-pregnancy-accommodation/>

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, please visit: <https://carleton.ca/equity/focus/discrimination-harassment/religious-spiritual-observances/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this

course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or 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 to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally scheduled exam (if applicable). To visit the PMC website, please visit: <https://carleton.ca/pmc/>

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working, and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: <https://carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support-services>

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: <https://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/academic/>