LW2903: BUSINESS AND LAW

Effective Term Semester B 2024/25

Part I Course Overview

Course Title Business and Law

Subject Code LW - Law

Course Number 2903

Academic Unit School of Law (FL)

College/School School of Law (FL)

Course Duration One Semester

Credit Units

3

Level B1, B2, B3, B4 - Bachelor's Degree

Medium of Instruction English

Medium of Assessment English

Prerequisites

Nil

Precursors

Nil

Equivalent Courses Nil

Exclusive Courses Nil

Part II Course Details

Abstract

- To introduce students to the Legal System of Hong Kong, Contract Law, Tort Law, Employment Law, Data Privacy Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

- To develop an understanding of the basic principles relating to the Legal System of Hong Kong, Contract Law, Tort Law, Employment Law, Data Privacy Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

- To develop an understanding and appreciation of the relevance of law to the students' major discipline.

- To enable students to pursue an in-depth study of some of the contract and tort issues which have particular relevance to the students' major discipline.

Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

	CILOs	Weighting (if app.)	DEC-A1	DEC-A2	DEC-A3
1	Describe and discuss the basic principles of law	35	x		
2	Explain the legal principles from decided cases	25	x	x	
3	Apply basic skills of interpreting legislation	15	X	X	Х
4	Identify relevant legal issues which may arise in the context of the student's future occupation	10	Х	Х	X
5	Apply relevant legal analysis to case study situations thereby developing problem solving and application skills	15	x	x	x

A1: Attitude

Develop an attitude of discovery/innovation/creativity, as demonstrated by students possessing a strong sense of curiosity, asking questions actively, challenging assumptions or engaging in inquiry together with teachers.

A2: Ability

Develop the ability/skill needed to discover/innovate/create, as demonstrated by students possessing critical thinking skills to assess ideas, acquiring research skills, synthesizing knowledge across disciplines or applying academic knowledge to real-life problems.

A3: Accomplishments

Demonstrate accomplishment of discovery/innovation/creativity through producing /constructing creative works/new artefacts, effective solutions to real-life problems or new processes.

	LTAs	Brief Description	CILO No.	Hours/week (if applicable)
1	2-hour lecture and 1 hour tutorial	Lecture Students will engage in formal lectures to gain knowledge on the basic principles of contract and tort through the lecturer as well as discussions during the lecture Tutorial Students will engage in answering tutorial questions – some of these questions are there to "refresh" the students' memory which help the students to remember and understand the previous week' s lecture	1	

Learning and Teaching Activities (LTAs)

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2	2-hour lecture and 1 hour tutorial	Lecture Students will read the course manual/course notes containing cases to prepare for lectures to acquire a better understanding Tutorial Students will justify and apply the legal principles from cases to problem- based tutorial questions. Students will engage in tutorial activities, including presentations or group discussions	2	
3	2-hour lecture and 1 hour tutorial	Lecture Students will frequently refer to legislations of Hong Kong. The legislation will be explained during class Tutorial Students will justify and apply the relevant legislation when answering tutorial questions – both problem-based and essay questions.	3	
4	2-hour lecture and 1 hour tutorial	Lecture Lecturers will give real life examples to demonstrate how the law functions in society. Tutorial Students will be asked to discuss consider the law and how it affects their daily lives as well as their future career.	4	

5	2-hour lecture and 1 hour tutorial	Cases will be discussed	5	
		thoroughly during the lectures as to ensure		
		students' ability to		
		grasp the relevant legal principles from decided		
		cases.		
		Tutorial		
		Students will critically		
		analyse case study		
		questions and apply		
		relevant legal rules and		
		principles to them.		

Assessment Tasks / Activities (ATs)

	ATs	CILO No.	Weighting (%)	Remarks (e.g. Parameter for GenAI use)
1	Assignment	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	18	The use of Generative AI tools is not allowed.
2	Tutorial Participation	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	12	The use of Generative AI tools is not allowed.

Continuous Assessment (%)

30

Examination (%)

70

Examination Duration (Hours)

2

Additional Information for ATs

Students are given one month to complete the assignment question. In answering the question, the students are expected to identify all the relevant legal issues and apply the legal principles from cases and legislation.

The examination consists of several problem-based questions which will test students' ability to identify the legal issues, describe the relevant legal principles as extracted from cases and apply the legal principles to the factual scenarios raised in the questions. The examination may also contain essay type questions which will test students' understanding of the topic.

The assessment tasks of this course will be a closed book examination (students can bring 2 sheets of A4 paper with their own notes – typed or handwritten into the exam.) Both the take home assignment and closed book examination consist of essays and problem-based questions. The students' performance will be assessed in accordance with their overall achievement of the intended learning outcomes.

A student must obtain a minimum mark of 30 in the final examination and achieve an overall mark of 40% in order to pass this course.

Assessment Rubrics (AR)

Assessment Task

1. Assignment

Criterion

Written assignment: 18% and Tutorial Presentation: 12%

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

Strong evidence of original thinking; good organization, capacity to analyse and synthesize; superior grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base.

Good (B+, B, B-)

Evidence of grasp of subject, some evidence of critical capacity and analytic ability; reasonable understanding of issues; evidence of familiarity with literature

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Understanding of the subject; ability to develop solutions to simple problems in the material.

Marginal (D)

Sufficient familiarity with the subject matter to enable the student to progress without repeating the course.

Failure (F)

Little evidence of familiarity with the subject matter; weakness in critical and analytic skills; limited, or irrelevant use of literature.

Assessment Task

2. Examination

Criterion

Closed-book examination : 70%

Excellent (A+, A, A-)

Strong evidence of original thinking; good organization, capacity to analyse and synthesize; superior grasp of subject matter; evidence of extensive knowledge base.

Good (B+, B, B-)

Evidence of grasp of subject, some evidence of critical capacity and analytic ability; reasonable understanding of issues; evidence of familiarity with literature

Fair (C+, C, C-)

Understanding of the subject; ability to develop solutions to simple problems in the material.

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Part III Other Information

Keyword Syllabus

- General Introduction to the Concepts and Structure of the Hong Kong Legal System The legal system, sources of law, the Basic Law, civil and common law, civil obligations and criminal law and the court system
- General Introduction to the Law of Contract Formation of contract, intention to create legal relations, offer, acceptance, consideration, vitiating factors (misrepresentation), exclusion clauses, discharge and remedies
- · General Introduction to the Law of Tort

Torts in general (strict liability, unintentional torts and intentional torts), including general negligence, negligent misstatement and vicarious liability.

- General Introduction to Employment Law Employment contract, probation period, sick leave, rest days, holidays, wages, restrictive covenants and termination of an employment contract.
- · Brief Introduction to the Data Privacy Ordinance of Hong Kong
- · General Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution mediation and arbitration

Reading List

Compulsory Readings

	Title
1	D K Srivastava, Business Law in Hong Kong, 6th Edition, Sweet & Maxwell, (2020)

Additional Readings

	Title
1	Stefan H.C Lo; Kevin kwok-yin Cheng; Wing Hong Chui, The Hong Kong Legal System, 2nd Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2019.
2	Vanessa Stott, An introduction to Hong Kong Business Law, 5th Edition, Pearson HK, 2019