

BMA5102
Legal Issues in Business

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AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- To understand the important role of law in business
- To be aware of the legal pitfalls and implications of doing business
- To know enough to prevent business problems from becoming legal problems
- To know when to seek professional legal advice and to put your case across more effectively
- To gain exposure to legal analysis, reasoning, application, argument and evaluation

PREREQUISITES

This Module has the following expectations:

- reading a wide range of materials including cases, textbooks and other prescribed material
- independent learning and research
- sharing of executive experience
- active participation in class discussions
- team work and class presentations

High language proficiency is essential to a proper understanding of the subject matter.

TEACHING MODES

Student-centred learning based on seminar materials, case studies, active class participation, sharing of executive experience and team-work. Faculty will play the role of active facilitator

SCHEDULE

The weekly schedule will be displayed on the IVLE Lesson Plan

SYNOPSIS

Legal Issues in Business is not merely an exposition of the law divorced from the realities of business. It seeks to raise an awareness of common legal issues confronting businesses and discusses the optimal solutions that both business and the law can offer. The Module introduces you to the global and domestic legal environment and to some of the legal risks involved. In the course of business, disputes will invariably arise and it is essential to know the avenues for dispute resolution, what law applies and where to resolve disputes in the most expedient and cost-effective manner. Other pertinent legal issues covered in the Module relate to commercial contracts [the foundation of business transactions], international sales and electronic commerce. Case studies will be used liberally in the Module to reflect real world experience and for learning legal and commercial lessons.

SYLLABUS

- Relationship between domestic and international law and business
- Governing law, jurisdiction & enforcement of foreign judgments
- Commercial dispute resolution
- Commercial contracts
- International sale of goods

- Legal issues in electronic commerce

ASSESSMENT

- Case studies 30%
- Individual contribution 10%
- Test (Open Book) 60%

Assessment is continuous and there will be no final examination

TEXT & READINGS

Title and Author	Edition / Year / ISBN	Publisher	Type
Contract Law Author: Elliott & Quinn	6th / 2007 ISBN: 9781405846714	Peason	Compulsory
International Business Law Author: Larry DiMatteo & Lucien Dhooge	2nd / 2006 ISBN: 0324204914	Thomson	Supplementary

TEXT & READINGS

Please click on the URL above for a list of legal resources