

Module Code	BSP1004
Module Title	LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
Semester	Semester 2, 2016/2017
Modular Credits	4
Faculty	School of Business (Strategy and Policy)
Timetable	Timetable
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Course Objectives

This module is intended to equip students who will be future business managers with legal knowledge that is relevant to commercial transactions so that they can understand the legal rights and obligations of a business and pre-empt potential legal problems by taking appropriate preventive measures. The module will also discuss the interaction between law, business and ethics and address regional and international legal issues in order to prepare students for a globalised business environment.

Learning Outcome

The intended learning outcome is for students to gain sufficient legal knowledge to be able to spot potential legal problems as and when they arise in the course of business and to know when and how to seek legal advice.

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The module will be taught seminar style with an emphasis on interactive learning. Students are expected to come fully prepared and participate actively.

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Synopsis

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The module introduces you to the legal environment of business and the relationship between law, business and ethics. When transacting business, disputes are bound to arise and the module will discuss cost-effective commercial dispute resolution methods such as negotiation, mediation and arbitration.

One of the first questions that an entrepreneur will ask is what sort of vehicle should be chosen to run his business. The module will cover sole-proprietorships, partnerships, companies, limited liability partnerships, limited partnerships and joint ventures. It will also focus on management responsibilities such as director's duties and liability for insider trading.

A business will be dealing with a whole range of persons, including suppliers, bankers, financiers, distributors, marketers, insurers, transporters, warehousemen, landlords, contractors, franchisees, agents, employees and consumers. A business's relationship with all these parties is primarily governed

by contracts and it is estimated that nearly 85% of business disputes are contractual in nature. Thus, it is crucial that a business manager has a good understanding of contractual rights and obligations. As business is increasingly conducted over the Internet, a business manager should be generally aware of certain legal aspects of E commerce transactions. Last but not least, a business manager should also understand other areas of law affecting his business such as business torts, intellectual property rights and competition law.

Syllabus

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The topics include:

- Introduction to the legal environment of business. Relationship between law, business and ethics
- Business organisations including companies, partnerships, sole traders and joint ventures
- Contracts (including cyber contracts) : formation, terms (including provisions governing product liability), vitiating factors, discharge and remedies
- Business torts : negligence liability, internet defamation, passing off and law of confidence
- Protection of Intellectual Property
- Competition law

Assessment

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Group Assignment: 20%

Individual Class Participation: 30%

Final Examination (Open Book): 50% **(administered by E-Assessment. You will need your laptop and charger for the exam)**

For details, please refer to document "Assessment Matters" posted on the IVLE Lesson Plan

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Workload Components : A-B-C-D-E

A: no. of lecture hours per week

B: no. of tutorial hours per week

C: no. of lab hours per week

D: no. of hours for projects, assignments, fieldwork etc per week

E: no. of hours for preparatory work by a student per week

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<http://www.nus.edu.sg/registrar/adminpolicy/acceptance.html#NUSCodeofStudentConduct>

Online Module on Plagiarism:
<http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/>

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