BSP1702X/BSP1004X Legal Environment of Business

Semester 2, 2018/2019

A/P Ter Kah Leng

Description

This course will equip business students with basic legal knowledge relating to commercial transactions so that they will be more aware of potential legal problems which may arise in the course of business and having become aware, to have recourse to such professional legal advice as is necessary in the circumstances. Subjects that meet these requirements include the Singapore Legal System, mediation and arbitration to resolve disputes, the types of various business organisations for businesses to conduct effectively within the law, directors' duties & liabilities, the making of valid business contracts and the rights & obligations of traders in the market place and negligence in the business environment through misstatements.

Synopsis

The Law pervades everyday commercial life. This module introduces you to the legal environment and the common legal issues confronting businesses. In transacting business, disputes invariably arise and it is essential to know the avenues for dispute resolution in the most expedient and cost-effective manner. It is also essential to understand the impact of certain areas of the law on business and these include commercial contracts, business organisations, corporate management, business torts and e Commerce. Case studies will be used to reflect real world issues and for learning legal and commercial lessons.

Learning Outcomes

This module is an elective for students doing a business minor. It equips future business managers with an awareness of the legal implications of commercial transactions and the importance of conducting business within the law. In the course of the module, you will gain exposure to legal reasoning, application, analysis, synthesis and critical evaluation. At the end of the module, you will gain a better understanding of the common legal issues confronting businesses and explore real world issues through case studies.

Teaching Modes

This module uses the ***"flipped classroom"*** method

- This requires students to view the online lecture videos on the relevant topic before coming to face-to-face (F2F) sessions
- Weekly F2F sessions will comprise discussion, Q & A, problem solving and case studies. Students are expected to participate actively

Syllabus

You will be covering the following:

- Introduction to the legal environment including the relationship between law, business and ethics and the impact of current legal developments on business
- Dispute resolution including mediation and arbitration
- Forms of business organisations and corporate management responsibilities
- Commercial contracts including sale of goods provisions
- Business torts including negligence liability for economic loss, passing off and breach of confidence
- E-commerce law including cyber contracts, online defamation, jurisdictional issues, hyperlinking, cybersquatting and protection of domain names

Schedule

Face-to-face seminars will be conducted weekly. Please refer to the weekly plan for the detailed schedule and seminar materials posted on Overview at https://luminus.nus.edu.sg

Assessment

You will be assessed on the following:

- Group tutorials: 20%
- Individual class participation: 10%
- Group case studies 30%
- In-class open book test: 40% **(administered by Digital Assessment. You are required to bring your laptop and charger for the test)**

There will be no final exam

Prerequisites

This Module has no prerequisite but the following expectations:

- Independent learning: willingness to learn the legal basics from online lecture videos and coming equipped for deeper learning and discussion in class
- Reading legal literature from cases, textbooks and Internet resources
- Active participation in class discussions
- Team work
- High language proficiency is essential to a proper understanding of the subject matter.

Preclusion

BSP1004; BSP1004X; RE1703

Readings

Introduction to Business Law in Singapore 5e / 2015 McGraw-Hill
Author: Ravi Chandran

Plagiarism Notice

You have the obligation to make clear to the assessor which is your own work, and which is the work of others. Otherwise, your assessor is entitled to assume that everything being presented for assessment is being presented as entirely your own work.

Please refer to:

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

http://emodule.nus.edu.sg/ac/