



Shanghai Jiao Tong University

LA200 Business Law

Instructor Information	Miao Han Home Institution: Shanghai Jiao Tong University Email: miao.han@sjtu.edu.cn Office Hours: Determined by Instructor		
Term	May 25, 2020 - June 19, 2020	Credits:	4 units
Class Hours	Monday through Friday, 120 minutes per teaching day		
Discussion Sessions	2 hours each week, conducted by teaching assistant(s)		
Total Contact Hours	66 contact hours (1 contact hour = 45 mins, 3000 mins in total)		
Required Texts (with ISBN)	Kubasek (2017) Dynamic Business Law, 4th Edition, McGraw Hill ISBN 9781259723582		
Prerequisite	N/A		



Course Overview

This module will assess the principles and enforceable rules which govern the commercial relationships. In particular, we will discuss the rules and responsibilities which provide the stability required in a growing and thriving market economy. This module will highlight the essential legal items which affect the day-to-day business conducts and transactions.

Course Goals

By the end of the unit, students should

1. Have a good understanding of the basic functions and jurisdictional requirements of business law in a dynamic market (e.g. the key market players and their rights/obligations, the principal forms of business organizations, and dispute resolution);
2. Be able to understand various legal systems, including the common law and the civil law families;
3. Be able to distinguish between civil, criminal and statutory law; also between substantive and procedural law;
4. Have a critical understanding of the key aspects of business relationships, especially from the interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives;
5. Be able to develop and refine critical thinking and analysis skills, including reading, writing and application of legal knowledge to practical cases.

Teaching and Reading Lists

The method of teaching is by way of 20 two-hour lectures. The core text book is as set above. Students will be given reading lists in advance of each session with core questions for consideration.



Grading Policy

This module will be assessed by contribution (10%), assignments (20%), presentation (30%) and the final exam (40%).

Class Contribution	10%
Assignments	20%
Presentation	30%
Final Examination	40%

Grading Scale

Number grade	Letter grade	GPA
90-100	A	4.0
85-89	A-	3.7
80-84	B+	3.3
75-79	B	3.0
70-74	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
65-66	C	2.0
62-64	C-	1.7
60-61	D	1.0
≤59	F (Failure)	0



Class Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture
Week 1	Day 1	Introduction to Business Law
	Day 2	Law Families and the U.S. Legal System
	Day 3	Business, Law, Ethics and Community
	Day 4	Alternative Dispute Resolution
	Day 5	Constitutional Principles and Tort Law
Week 2	Day 6	Negligence and Strict Liability
	Day 7	Product Liability
	Day 8	Intellectual Property: Introduction
	Day 9	Introduction to Contracts
	Day 10	Principles of Contracts
Week 3	Day 11	Third-Party Rights to Contracts
	Day 12	Contracts in Writing
	Day 13	International Sales of Good and Carriages
	Day 14	Forms of Business Organizations
	Day 15	Corporations: A Comparative Perspective
Week 4	Day 16	Banking and Financial Regulation
	Day 17	Employment and Labour Law
	Day 18	Consumer Law and Market Disciplines
	Day 19	Presentation
	Day 20	Final Exam