

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹

COURSE	Law 315 Business Associations
UNIT VALUE	2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Michael Litchfield
TERM OFFERED	Summer 2012
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	No
PREREQUISITE FOR OTHER COURSES	Law 349 – Business Law Clinic, Law 346A – Advanced Taxation

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the main forms of business association used in Canada. The course focuses on general principles of law relating to sole proprietorship, partnership, cooperatives, societies and corporations and how these forms of business are organized, governed and operated. It is assumed that most students will have little or no background knowledge of business and business terminology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students will acquire an understanding of how the main forms of business association used in Canada are established, the legislative provisions and case law applicable to each, the legal rules governing the internal functioning of these business associations and the relationship between the business associations and third parties. Students will study the basic principles of agency law and the importance to the practical operation of the business association.

On the final examination, students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the law of agency and the law governing sole proprietorships, partnerships, cooperatives, societies and corporations by answering short questions on specific aspects of the law governing these business associations. Students will also be required to answer questions in problem format requiring identification of legal issues, explanations of applicable legal principles and application of legal principles to fact situations presented. Students will be expected to write a 2000 word paper on a topic of their choosing related to business associations.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methods will include lecture, group work and class discussion. As this course will attempt to develop practical skills, class attendance and participation is important.

EVALUATION

Final Examination –	60%
2000 Word Paper –	35%
Participation -	5%

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Manager of Academic Administration and Student Services (lawmaass@uvic.ca).