



COURSE SYLLABUS		
COURSE INFORMATION		
Course Code: BLAW220	Level: Undergraduate	Credit: 3
Course Title: Business Law		
PREREQUISITE		
N/A		
COURSE OVERVIEW		
<p>This course is designed to give a general introduction to the rules and regulations that govern a corporation. This course focuses on the nature of a corporation and its governance structure. Following are the core topics of this course:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Theories, debates and the context of corporate law,2. Key institutes and Corporation Act3. Corporate personality4. The incorporation process5. Duties and liabilities of directors and officers, penalties for breaches of duties and responsibilities6. Members' rights and remedies7. Winding up of companies		
LEARNING OUTCOME		
<p>After successfully completing this course a student should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Understand theories of company law and debates about corporate governance2. Analyse real or hypothetical situations to understand complex legal problems3. Recommend strategies and give professional judgement in resolution of a corporate law problem4. Understand how rules and regulations affect structure and operation of a company5. Understand duties and responsibilities of the key persons in a company		
CLASS HOURS		
Lecture: Monday to Friday, 180 minutes each day Discussion Section: One hour each week		
LEARNING RESOURCES		
Required Textbook		
[WBC] Wong, A., Baumfield, R., Copp, R., Cunningham, R., Kamalnath, A., Watson, K., Chapple, E. (2020). <i>Company law: An interactive approach</i> . 2nd edition. John Wiley and Sons Australia.		
[BHS] Bottomley, S., Hall, K., Spender, P., & Nosworthy, B. <i>Contemporary Australian Corporate Law</i> . (2020). 2nd edition. Cambridge University Press.		
Reference Books & Online Resources		
Austin, R. P., Ramsay, I. M., & Ford, H. A. J. <i>Ford, Austin and Ramsay's Principles of Corporation Law</i> . (2018). 17th edition. LexisNexis Butterworths.		
Watts, P. G., Campbell, N. R., & Hare, C. (2016). <i>Company Law in New Zealand</i> . LexisNexis NZ Limited.		



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Reference Books & Online Resources			
New Zealand Legislation http://legislation.govt.nz/			
The Australian Securities and Investments Commission ['ASIC'] www.asic.com.au			
The Australian Securities Exchange ['ASX'] www.asx.com.au			
Department of Treasury www.treasury.gov.au			
Suggested Textbook			
N/A			
Other Teaching Methods			
N/A			
WEEKLY SCHEDULE			
Week	Day	Topic	Reading
1	1	Introduction to the context of Corporate Law, Corporate Law theory & Debates	Lecture Slides
	2	Introduction to the Key Institutions and Corporation Act in Australia, NZ & China Group Formation & Topic Selection	Lecture Slides
	3	Company as a separate legal entity and its relationship to the outside world	Lecture Slides
	4	Division of Powers, Internal structure & Operation of the company	Lecture Slides
	5	An overview of directors' duties	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 10
2	1	Directors' duties: Duty of care, skill and diligence	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 11
	2	Directors' duties: Duties of good faith, to act in interest of the company Conflict of interest	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 13
	3	Insolvent trading, Remedies and penalties for breaches of directors' duties Members' rights and remedies	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 14
2	4	Insolvency: Receivership, schemes of arrangement and voluntary administration	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 15
	5	Group Report & Presentation	



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3	1	Insolvency: Winding up and liquidation	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 16
	2	Financial markets and financial services	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 17
	3	Takeovers	Lecture Slides & [BHS] Chapter 18
	4	Final Review	
	5	Final Exam	
ASSESSMENT			
Assessment Task			Percent (%)
Attendance/Participation			10%
Group Report & Presentation			50%
Final Exam			40%
Total			100%
DETAILS ON GRADE COMPONENTS			
Class Attendance and Participation			
<p>Class lectures will be a mix of traditional lectures and time spent working together on applications and exercises. To free up more time for working through problems together, students should read the relevant chapter before coming to the class. Discussion sessions will be used to give students an opportunity to clarify their understanding of the topics from the lecture and textbook.</p> <p>If students miss more than 5 classes and did not receive permissions from the instructor, they will automatically get a letter grade of F for this class, which is a failing grade. If a student has to miss class due to some personal emergencies or family issues, he/she should inform the TA or the instructor to get permission immediately. And students are held responsible for the class materials and homework for the class they will miss.</p> <p>Class participation is highly encouraged by the instructor, and the instructor will provide opportunities for the students to participate during the class period. Students should read all assigned reading materials in order to be well prepared for discussion.</p>			



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<p>Group Report You are required to select a relevant topic and finalise the topic after consultation with the lecturer. As a group of 4 to 5 students you are required to write a report of 2,000 words. Topic will be provided in class. More detailed assessment guidelines will be provided in class. The group is expected to work as a team. All the group members MUST involve in group discussion, contribute to the overall quality of the group report. Any evidence of students freeloading within a group will get Zero.</p> <p>Presentation 15 minutes Group presentation based on the group report.</p> <p>Final Exam The exam covers all the topics from the prescribed text book, and materials covered in the lecture. Detailed information on the Final Exam will be provided in class.</p>														
COURSE GRADING														
<p>Upon completion of this course, you receive a final grade. The final grade is a letter grade that carries with it a numerical value, as outlined below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="564 1093 1023 1350"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Percentage %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td> <td>80-100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>70-79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>60-69</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>50-59</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E</td> <td>0-49</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Grade	Percentage %	A	80-100	B	70-79	C	60-69	D	50-59	E	0-49
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<p>For Post-Graduate Students To pass this subject, students are required to obtain Grade B or above in order to satisfy all the intended learning outcomes.</p> <p>For Undergraduate Students To pass the subject, students are required to obtain Grade C or above in order to satisfy all the intended learning outcomes.</p>														
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & ACCOMMODATION														
<p>Classroom Protocol Students are expected to attend class regularly, arrive promptly, have completed the required readings for the session before coming to class, and participate thoughtfully in all in-class activities. Cell phones must be turned off and stowed at all times. Lecture notes and/or PowerPoint slides are available on Canvas. Class materials should be downloaded from the course website and brought to class either as a hard copy or on your laptop. Laptops and tablets are permitted in the class for class-related purposes ONLY, and their use will be closely supervised by the instructor. If any student is found to be using a laptop or tablet for non-class purposes, the student will be prohibited from using the device(s) in class for the remainder of the semester.</p>														



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Please make a sincere attempt to arrive on time. If you arrive late, please enter the classroom quietly. It is difficult to educate fellow classmates with constant interruptions at the door. If you miss a class, given the size of this class, it is your responsibility to catch up.		
UNIVERSITY POLICIES		
General Expectations, Rights and Responsibilities of the Student As members of the academic community, students accept both the rights and responsibilities incumbent upon all members of the institution. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the university's policies and practices pertaining to the procedures to follow if and when questions or concerns about a class arises. In general, it is recommended that students begin by seeking clarification or discussing concerns with their instructor. If such conversation is not possible, or if it does not serve to address the issue, it is recommended that the student contact the program administrator as a next step.		
UNIVERSITY POLICIES		
Academic Integrity Your commitment, as a student, to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at the university. You are expected to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the program administrator. Using the ideas, data, or language of another without specific or proper acknowledgement is dishonest. We will not accept work that includes copied and pasted information; all information or ideas included in your assignments must be in your own words. If you use ideas of others, whether they are "experts" writing for websites, friends from class, or other individuals, you must provide proper citations and references in the assignment.		
Campus Policy on Disabilities If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please notify the instructor or program administrator as soon as possible, in order to make the appropriate accommodation.		
Accommodation to Students' Religious Holidays It is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor, in writing, about such holidays before the add deadline at the start of each semester. If such holidays occur before the add deadline, the student must notify the instructor, in writing, at least three (3) days before the date that he/she will be absent. It is the responsibility of the instructor to make every reasonable effort to honor the student request without penalty, and of the student to make up the work missed.		