

BUS205 Company and Tort Law

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

BUS205 Company Law and Tort Law equip students with an understanding of the legal principles that govern the formation, management and financing of companies in Singapore. It also introduces students to the broader topic of torts. This course will cover intentional torts, negligent torts and strict liability torts.

Topics:

- Singapore Legal System
- Business Organisations: Unincorporated & Incorporated Business Entities
- Business Organisations: Company Formation
- Business Organisations: Company Officers, Directors and Meetings
- Company Management
- Company Finance
- Company Insolvency & Winding Up
- Torts - Intentional Torts
- Torts - Negligence and Negligent Misstatements
- Torts - Strict Liability
- Intellectual Property - Patents, Trademarks, Copyright and Design

Textbooks:

Benny S. Tabalujan, Valerie Du Toit-Low, Julie Huan, Chen Meng Lam, Alvin See: Singapore Business Law 8th Commasia
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Learning Outcome:

- Define different types of unincorporated and incorporated business entities in Singapore, such as the sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership and company, and explain how the concept of limited liability operates in business.
- Explain how companies are formed, discuss the different categories of shares they can issue, and define the meaning of issues and paid-up capital.
- Describe the key officers who manage companies, outlining the roles of company secretary and various types of directors, with a particular emphasis on the statutory and common law duties of directors.
- Illustrate relevant regulations for the various ways that a company can raise the financing it needs, including raising equity and debt through the capital market by issuing securities.
- Review the alternatives which are available to a company in the case where it becomes insolvent, and describe the process of winding-up if the company is to be dissolved.
- Examine the key concepts and trends in law of torts.
- Summarise the various elements of torts and defences to tort claims.
- Discuss the core concept of each form of the intellectual property - Patents, Trademarks, Copyright and Registered Design.
- Outline standards for registering, obtaining, and enforcing intellectual property rights at national, regional, and international levels.
- Give examples of how the tort phenomenon is manifested in the Asian and Singapore contexts.
- Apply legal principles to new situations to determine the most appropriate judgement.
- Develop the essential knowledge and interpersonal skills to work effectively in a team.
- Demonstrate writing proficiency.

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	2
PARTICIPATION	6
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	2
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	38
PRE-CLASS QUIZ	2
Sub-Total	50

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Written Exam	50
Sub-Total	50

Weightage Total **100**