

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Department of Accounting
ACCT1610 Laws in Society and Business

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Course materials

PowerPoint slides and the booklet for the course are the **core** materials.

Reference book: *An Introduction to Hong Kong Business Law* by Vanessa Stott, 5th edition.

Deadlines & Important dates

Personal Information Survey Due	Feb 9
Quiz 1	6:30-7:20pm, Mar 2
In-class writing practice	during class, Mar 30
Quiz 2	6:30-7:20pm, Apr 1
Final exam	6:30-7:20pm, May 6

1. Course Objective

The course provides students with an understanding of the basic legal principles in operating businesses in Hong Kong. This course will enable students to analyze issues in legal writing style.

2. Course Overview

In this course, it will be introduced that the main principles of laws and regulations governing business activities. You will have the basic knowledge of

- legal systems in the world and in Hong Kong;
- how to form contracts and how to claim remedies;
- differences between crimes and torts;
- how to protect your interests in employment;
- legal writing.

3. Class Format

In our class, we have lectures, discussions, individual participation, and group participation. In order to get the most out of class sessions, it is important that you actively participate in discussions and exercises.

4. Grade

The grade components and the associated weights are as follow:

3 Quizzes	26%, 27%, 27%
In-class writing practice	5%
Assignments & mini quizzes	10%
Participation	5%

1) Quizzes

There will be three quizzes during the semester. The 3 quiz scores will constitute 26%, 27%, and 27% of the final grade respectively. The quizzes will consist of multiple-choice questions and short answer questions. All the questions will be based exclusively on class lectures. It should be kept in mind that many topics in the course are interrelated; thus, answering questions relating to a particular topic may require some knowledge of topics discussed earlier.

Quizzes will be open-book/open-note tests. Quizzes will be held simultaneously for each section. In order to get a convenient time for all students, quizzes have tentatively been scheduled in evenings. There will be **NO** new lectures on quiz days.

No make-up quiz will be scheduled.

2) In-class writing practice

This is a practice of answering legal issues in the legal writing style. This writing practice will not be graded on your writing skills. It will be graded on your understandings of legal principles and legal writing style.

3) Assignment

There are 10 assignments after classes and several random mini quizzes during the classes.

4) Participation

There will be activities during the lectures, such as discussing cases, answering questions, corresponding to other students.

Your participation is suggested to be constructive, positive, and active.

- 1) How constructive is your comment? Your comment is expected to be understandable to others and make solid logical sense.
- 2) How much positive influence you bring to the class discussion? Your comment is expected to inspire others to think and stimulate class discussion.
- 3) How active is your participation in class discussions?

5. Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a critical value of the university community. UST places a strong emphasis on academic integrity. To help students and staff to understand the policy, a website has been established that explains the regulations, provides assistance for students in avoiding plagiarism, and sets out the role of faculty and staff when a case of cheating or plagiarism comes to their attention. Please visit the website at <https://registry.hkust.edu.hk/resource-library/regulations-student-conduct-and-academic-integrity>

The penalty for cheating and plagiarism can range from failure of a quiz or assignment to failure of the course. A student may not collaborate with the student from another section of the course. Plagiarism is copying anything from another source without citation. You are required to provide appropriate references when you use ideas and arguments in others' works.