

Subject Description Form

Subject Code	AF2504
Subject Title	Introduction to Business Law
Credit Value	3
Level	2
Normal Duration	1-semester
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	None
Objectives	This subject contributes to the achievement of the BBA Outcomes by enabling students to <u>analyze</u> business problems by <u>applying conceptual frameworks drawn from case law and legislation</u> , demonstrate <u>critical and creative thinking</u> in the business setting (Outcome 3), <u>identify and respond appropriately to ethical issues</u> arising in the business (Outcome 4) and <u>communicate effectively</u> (Outcome 1)
Intended Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify and explain the core structural characteristics of the legal system in Hong Kong, including sources of law and the court system. b. Identify legal issues and apply legal reasoning to resolve practical legal problems arising in the business setting, taking account of alternative arguments. c. Organize written English answers to practical legal problems in a systematic and coherent manner. d. Identify and critically evaluate ethical issues arising in policy initiatives in the Hong Kong business context.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	<p>Legal Framework The Hong Kong legal framework: the Legislative Council and the judiciary; dispute resolution. Laws against Corruption. Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing.</p> <p>The Law of Contract Essentials of a valid contract; reasons for invalid or unenforceable contracts; terms of contract; discharge of contract and remedies; electronic contracts.</p> <p>Sale of Goods Definition of goods; sale of goods contract; implied terms; remedies of the seller and buyer.</p> <p>Tort Negligence; contributory negligence; professional liability for careless misstatements; legal responsibility for words and conduct.</p> <p>Employment Law Contract of Service and Contract for Service, Employment Ordinance, Employees' Compensation Ordinance, Discrimination Ordinances in Hong Kong.</p>

	<p>Law of Commercial Associations Types of companies; formation and documents; nature of corporate personality; comparison between partnerships and incorporated associations.</p> <p>Agency Law Formation of an agency agreement; authority of an agent; duties of an agent; relationship of principal with third party; relationship of an agent with third party; termination of agency.</p>																																																							
<p>Teaching/Learning Methodology</p>	<p>The subject will be taught through lectures and interactive seminars. Lectures will introduce legal principles, legislation, and case law. In the seminar, students will work in small groups on problem-solving activities.</p>																																																							
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