



ORIGINAL COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2011  
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 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: (six years after UEC approval) June 2021  
**Course outline form version: 09/15/14**

## OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

<b>Course Code and Number:</b> PRLG 150	<b>Number of Credits:</b> 3 <a href="#">Course credit policy (105)</a>																
<b>Course Full Title:</b> Contracts I <b>Course Short Title (if title exceeds 30 characters):</b>																	
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Access and Continuing Education	<b>Department (or program if no department):</b> Continuing Education																
<b>Calendar Description:</b> This course studies contracts: agreements that can be enforced in court, in everyday transactions, and business. The specific types of contracts include expressed and implied contracts, unilateral and bilateral contracts, and true contracts and gratuitous promises.																	
<b>Prerequisites (or NONE):</b>	Admission to the Paralegal certificate or diploma program.																
<b>Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):</b>																	
<b>Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):</b>																	
<b>Equivalent Courses (cannot be taken for additional credit)</b> Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>Note: Equivalent course(s) should be included in the calendar description by way of a note that students with credit for the equivalent course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.</i>	<b>Transfer Credit</b> Transfer credit already exists: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  Transfer credit requested (OReg to submit to BCCAT): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if yes, fill in transfer credit form)  Resubmit revised outline for articulation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No To find out how this course transfers, see <a href="http://bctransferguide.ca">bctransferguide.ca</a> .																
<b>Total Hours: 45</b> <b>Typical structure of instructional hours:</b> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr><td>Lecture hours</td><td style="text-align: center;">45</td></tr> <tr><td>Seminars/tutorials/workshops</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Laboratory hours</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Field experience hours</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Online learning activities</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Other contact hours:</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></td><td style="text-align: center;"><b>45</b></td></tr> </table>	Lecture hours	45	Seminars/tutorials/workshops		Laboratory hours		Field experience hours		Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)		Online learning activities		Other contact hours:		<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>Special Topics</b> Will the course be offered with different topics? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If yes, different lettered courses may be taken for credit: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, repeat(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, no limit  <i>Note: The specific topic will be recorded when offered.</i>  <b>Maximum enrolment (for information only): 25</b>  <b>Expected frequency of course offerings (every semester, annually, every other year, etc.):</b> annually
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<b>Department / Program Head or Director:</b> Liana Thompson	<b>Date approved:</b> March 13, 2015																
<b>Faculty Council approval</b>	<b>Date approved:</b> March 13, 2015																
<b>Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)</b>	<b>Date of posting:</b> May 22, 2015																
<b>Dean/Associate VP:</b> Sue Brigden	<b>Date approved:</b> March 13, 2015																
<b>Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval</b>	<b>Date of meeting:</b> June 17, 2015																

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- analyze the requirements for capacity to enter into contracts
- explain the protections for minors entering into contracts
- define terms involved in the study of contracts
- determine the purpose of a contract based on its terms
- describe the difference between expressed and implied contracts
- identify the elements of valid offer and acceptance, counteroffers, and an invitation to treat
- describe the concept of consideration and its centrality to the law of contract
- analyze remedies for breach of contract
- describe the purpose of sale of goods legislation and other relevant acts

**Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Note: PLAR previously obtainable**

Yes  No, PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because topics are highly specialized to the legal services sector.

**Typical Instructional Methods (guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion)**

Instructional Methods: a combination of lecture, group activities, projects, and self-directed learning.

**Grading system:** Letter Grades:  Credit/No Credit:  Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: Yes  No

**NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.**

**Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (if more space is required, download Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form)**

Author (surname, initials)	Title (article, book, journal, etc.)	Current ed.	Publisher	Year
1. Helewitz, J.	Basic Contract Law for Paralegals, 7 <sup>th</sup> ed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Walters-Kleuer	2013
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting**

Final exam:	25%	Assignments:	30%	Midterm exam:	25%	Practicum:	%
Quizzes/tests:	20%	Lab work:	%	Field experience:	%	Shop work:	%

**Typical Course Content and Topics**

- Introduction to the law of contracts
- How contract law developed
- Features of legally enforceable contracts
  
- Formation of a contract
- Elements of a valid contract
- Offer and acceptance, consideration
  
- Legality, formalities, and capacity
- Establishing legality
- Form and writing requirements
- Capacity
- Minors and parties of limited capacity
  
- Contractual defects
- Misrepresentation, duress, undue influence, unconscionability, mistake
  
- Issues in contractual rights
- Privity
- Assignment
- Discharge of contract
  
- Contract interpretation
- Contract provisions, search for certainty
- Exclusion and penalty clauses
- Frustration
  
- Breach of contract and remedies
- Method and nature of breach
- Remedies: damages, specific performance, injunctions, etc.