APPENDIX A - COURSES OFFERED IN AY2013/2014 TERM 1 (AUG TO NOV 2013)

LAW001 Ethics & Social Responsibility
LAW101 Contract Law 1
LAW103 Criminal Law (1.5cu)
LAW104 Legal System, Legal Method & Analysis
LAW201 Law of Business Organisations**
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LAW203 Comparative Legal Systems
LAW205 Corporate Law**
LAW301 Legal Theory & Philosophy
LAW302 Commercial Conflict of Laws**
LAW303 Law of Equity & Trusts (1.5cu)**
LAW304 Law & Regulation**
LAW306 Law of Evidence & Civil Procedure (1.5cu)**
LAW401 Intellectual Property Law**
LAW403 Negotiation & Mediation for Lawyers**
LAW405 IT & the Law**
LAW411 Corporate Crime**
LAW414 International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property**
LAW417 Law of Mergers & Acquisitions**
LAW418 Insurance Law**
LAW422 Trade & Investment Law**
LAW423 Shipping & Admiralty Law**
LAW428 Family Law**
LAW445 Principles of the Law of Restitution**

LGST001 Ethics & Social Responsibility
LGST101 Business Law
LGST201 Company Law
LGST205 IT & the Law
LGST223 Law of International Trade
LGST231 Entertainment Law

General Note:
- LAW courses refer to courses primarily catered to LL.B. and J.D. students of SMU
- LGST courses refer to courses primarily catered to non-law students of SMU

** Auditing participants may benefit more from these courses if they have prior legal training.
LAW001 - Ethics & Social Responsibility

Course Instructor: David N Smith

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
Issues of ethics and social responsibility arise in all professions and all aspects of life. The failure to anticipate, recognize and deal effectively with these issues can have serious implications for individuals, companies, governments and society. One major challenge is recognizing issues of ethics and social responsibility when they arise. Another challenge is understanding why and how individuals, companies and governments get themselves into ethical difficulties and how and why companies fail in being —socially responsible. A third challenge is figuring out how to resolve ethical challenges and dilemmas as they occur: what is the right thing to do?

We will examine, through cases, problems, and other readings, issues of ethics and social responsibility that arise in real life contexts: what principles would you apply to this problem and what would you do in this situation? The course will explore ethics in diverse contexts, including the workplace, advertising and marketing, and international business. Lawyers have a special responsibility in government and corporations in ensuring ethical behaviour. Issues of concern to lawyers will be integrated into each class session.

LAW101 – Contract Law 1

Course Instructor: Michael FURMSTON / Locknie HSU / THAM Chee Ho

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
Contracts are the foundation of commercial life. This course aims to equip students with a firm appreciation of the unique character of contracts as a form of voluntary undertakings. This course (LAW101 Contract Law 1) begins by examining the concepts relating to the formation of contract, as well as how an otherwise validly formed contract may have its effect nullified by issues such as misrepresentation, duress, undue influence, etc.

Contract Law 1 will be followed in the second semester by LAW102 Contract Law 2 which will go on to look at issues relating to how a contract may be discharged, what sort of remedies are available when a contractual obligation is breached, as well as certain issues relating to contracts for the sale of goods. Over the two courses, the student will be sensitized to the role of the law in facilitating commerce, respecting legitimate expectations, and guarding against unfair exploitation of economic or social weakness. The study of the subject will also provide students with an excellent opportunity to observe, evaluate and critique developments in the law as it responds to the fast-changing and dynamic environment of the world of commerce.
LAW103 – Criminal Law

Course Instructor: Rathna KOMAN / Chandra MOHAN

This course is **1.5cu**

**Course Description:**
This course will introduce students to the fundamental principles of criminal liability in Singapore. Criminal law will first be examined from a jurisprudential viewpoint with a study of its aims and objectives and the purpose of crime control and punishment in society. Students will study the major offences (against the person and property) and general defences under the Penal Code and some selected statutes. Legislative provisions, judicial decisions interpreting these provisions and proposals for reform of the law, both in Singapore and elsewhere, will be closely examined. In addition, students will learn about the Singapore criminal process and how an accused person accused of a crime is investigated, tried in court and if found guilty, convicted and sentenced within our criminal justice system.

LAW104 – Legal System, Legal Method & Analysis

Course Instructor: Henry GAO / Gary LOW

This course is **1.0cu**

**Course Description:**
This course has two aims: to provide a broad overview of the Singapore legal system; and to familiarise students with the basic legal skills of case analysis and statutory interpretation. Where the Singapore legal system is concerned, topics to be covered include: legal history (and its sociopolitical and economic implications); the reception and applicability of English law; sources of law; judicial precedent; separation of powers (the legislature, the executive and the judiciary); parliament and law-making; the judicial system; legal education and the legal profession; alternative dispute resolution; legal culture; autochthonous legal development; and the relationship between the Singapore legal system and the international legal system. As for legal method and analysis, students will learn about common law reasoning and development through a detailed study of selected cases, and how the courts interpret statutes through a detailed study of selected statutes and cases.

By the end of the course, students should be able to:
- understand the salient features of Singapore’s legal system and the role of law in its nation building and economic development
- understand and apply case law reasoning and the principles of statutory interpretation.

LAW201 – Law of Business Organisations

Course Instructor: Stephen BULL

This course is **1.0cu**

**Course Description:**
Singapore law recognises that there are many ways in which business people can organise commercial activities with a view to maximising operational efficiency and minimising exposure to personal risk.
These diverse mechanisms, ranging from agency, sole proprietorships, partnerships, bodies corporate and others, form the core of the content of this course (LAW201) and of LAW205 Corporate Law (to be taught in the following semester).

LAW 201 will focus on sole proprietorships, partnerships (including limited partnerships (LPs)) and part of Company Law. LAW 205 will cover the remainder of Company Law as well as limited liability partnerships (LLPs) and business trusts.

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**LAW202 – Law of Property**

**Course Instructor:** Kelvin LOW / TANG Hang Wu

This course is **1.5cu**

**Course Description:** This course aims to introduce students to the basic principles of common law and equity as applied to property, both immoveable and moveable including intellectual property. Beginning with an exploration of what property rights are, this course will consider how land can be dealt with at common law and in equity, before taking a look at how some of these complexities have receded, given the adoption and universal application of the Torrens registration system in Singapore. The study of the concepts and operation of the Land Titles Act is at the heart of the course.

The question of ownership and transfer of moveable property at common law and equity will also be introduced, with particular attention to the difficulties posed by intangible moveable property in the form of intellectual property rights as well as other choses in action. The course will also examine the creation of security interests over immoveable (and briefly, moveable) property and the problems relating to determining the priorities of competing security interests.

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**LAW203 – Comparative Legal Systems**

**Course Instructor:** Basil BITAS / Maartje DE VISSER

This course is **1.0cu**

**Course Description:** This course will examine the various legal cultures and traditions within Asia, using the European and, to some extent, the US experience as a backdrop. The indigenous and historical background of legal development in Asia, including the Western and colonialist (and postcolonialist) influences will be explored from a number of different angles, with a view to providing the participants with an enhanced comparative “perspective.”

**Objectives and Methodology**

In an increasingly globalised economy, the informed lawyer needs to be conversant not only with the legal traditions and cultures of Asia, but also with the broader forces shaping the evolving, international legal environment. The exercise in this course will therefore be to examine not just what the law is, but rather why it is that way, and, indeed, how it could be. The readings set forth on the attached pages are designed to facilitate the examination of these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective (i.e., cultural, sociological, economic, and legal). The proposed reading list is comprised of diverse texts, analyzing,
describing, and/or otherwise embodying the comparative law method and process. Accordingly, we will review topical articles in the field, examine cases and statutes from both common law and civil law jurisdictions, and also examine supranational or denationalized manifestations of the comparative law process emanating from the European Union or organizations such as UNIDROIT. The overriding goal will be to examine comparative legal systems from both an applied and theoretical perspective, with a view to giving the course participants a feel for both the legal and economic stakes at issue in an increasingly complex industrial and commercial environment and an understanding of the underlying philosophy of legal systems from both a civil law and common law perspective.

Some say that comparative law is a methodology. Others say that it is a process. In this course, we will frame comparative law as a “vehicle” for promoting the enhanced sensitivity to, and understanding of, the multitude of issues that the modern international or “internationalized” lawyer is likely to encounter.

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**LAW205 – Corporate Law**

**Course Instructor:** LEE Pey Woan

This course is 1.0cu

**Course Description:**

Law 205 Corporate Law continues the consideration of company law from where Law 201 Business Organisations left off. In particular, the student would be introduced to particular “specialist” aspects of corporate practice such as corporate finance, corporate insolvency, and other limited liability business vehicles such as the Limited Liability Partnership.

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**LAW301 – Legal Theory & Philosophy**

**Course Instructor:** Mark FINDLAY / TAN Seow Hon

This course is 1.0cu

**Course Description:**

This course explores the nature of law and legal reasoning through the examination of classic jurisprudential questions and themes. What is law and how is it different from power? Must law be justified? What is the legitimate basis of law in a postmodern, pluralist society? When is the restriction of the liberty of an individual justifiable, when we do not share the same views on moral questions? Are unjust laws law? Is justice done when rules are followed? How do judges decide cases? Can a good lawyer be a good person? Can a good person be a lawyer?

Taking off from a conventional view of law as a purposive enterprise regulating human conduct, this course considers the meaning and significance of underlying ideals such as formality, justice, morality, liberty, and rationality. Critical perspectives which question the conventional view of law will also be examined.
LAW302 – Commercial Conflict of Laws

Course Instructor: Adrian BRIGGS

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
This course provides an overview of the fundamental principles and methodologies of the conflict of laws (also known as private international law), with focus on their application in commercial transactions. Cross-border commercial transactions are common in a modern globalised era. The conflict of laws addresses three broad questions: (1) in which country should the case be tried (the conflict of jurisdictions)? (2) what should be the legal effect in one country of a judgment given in another (the conflict of judgments)? (3) which country’s law should be applied to resolve the dispute (the conflict of laws)? From the perspective of Singapore law, the questions translate into: (1) when would or should a Singapore court hear the case (and sometimes try to stop it from being heard in another country)? (2) what legal effect would or should a foreign judgment have in Singapore? and (3) which country’s law would or should the Singapore court apply to resolve the issue before it? Though this is a course on Singapore conflict of laws, Singapore law is not found only in Singapore legislation and the decisions of Singapore courts; and comparisons will be made from time to time to the laws of other countries.

LAW303 – Law of Equity & Trusts

Course Instructor: YIP Man

This course is 1.5cu

Course Description:
The objective of this course is to introduce students to the jurisdiction and principles of equity. To acquire a fundamental understanding of the subject, it is necessary to consider the history of equity and its evolution to the present day. In this course, the law of trusts will be examined in depth. Trust is considered as the most significant contribution by equity and is applied in various areas of daily life. Through the study of the course, the students will come to appreciate the interrelationship of the different areas of the law (e.g. the law of property, the law of unjust enrichment). The ability to view the law holistically is important for practice where complex legal problems are not presented in pre-identified contexts. Materials from other commonwealth jurisdictions will also be drawn upon for comparative purpose.

LAW304 – Law & Regulation

Course Instructor: Mark FINDLAY

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
Regulation is an essential purpose and a critical challenge for law in the modern age. Notions of regulation are embedded within the traditional disciplines of substantive law. That said, new approaches to regulation are constantly emerging outside the limitations of these disciplines. A more holistic approach is required for the study of law and regulation. This course will address the role of
law in local and global regulatory regimes and examines law’s place in the development of pluralistic and contemporary regulatory policy. Students will be introduced to the foundations of regulatory theory and how these can be adapted to problem solving requiring law’s authority and impact. The course will chart the interaction between law and policy in both public and private sector regulatory regimes. The ‘real-life’ or applied scope of the course will centre on identified regulatory demands and crises that anticipate a legal dimension in their resolution. The social, commercial and political contexts of the course envisage change as the central theme. The student will be exposed to cutting-edge regulatory thinking and will be skilled to confront the demands of regional and international regulatory practice.

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**LAW306 – Law of Evidence & Civil Procedure**

**Course Instructor:** CHEN Siyuan / TAN Boon Heng

This course is **1.5cu**

**Course Description:**

This course examines the evidential rules, theories and policies that trial judges, lawyers and litigants must deal with in a court hearing. The Law of Evidence is concerned with the issues of admissibility of evidence, modes of proof, the manner of production of evidence, and the burden of proof. In the second part of this course, students will be acquainted with the more fundamental and practical aspects of civil litigation. This will provide students with a good grasp of the underlying principles and policies of civil litigation as enshrined in the Rules of Court and related sources of civil procedure.

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**LAW401 – Intellectual Property Law**

**Course Instructor:** David LLEWELYN

This course is **1.0cu**

**Course Description:**

This course will examine the law of intellectual property rights in Singapore. The course will start with a short general overview of the intellectual property rights and seek to identify some general issues and themes on the essential nature of the rights and the impact of intellectual property issues on domestic commercial activity and international trade. The course will then turn to look at a selection of the mainstream intellectual property rights namely: copyright, patents, passing-off and finally registered trade marks. The emphasis will be on the general principles relevant to each of the rights.

The four intellectual property rights chosen to concentrate on (copyright, patents, passing off and registered trade marks) are the core of the intellectual property law system. They are the principal intellectual property rights and will serve well as vehicles to introduce you to basic principles and themes which arise across the IP system as a whole.
LAW403 – Negotiation & Mediation for Lawyers

Course Instructor: Ian MACDUFF

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
Negotiation forms a large part of what lawyers do. The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to negotiation and mediation in practice. This course pursues three main tracks of inquiry and practice:

1. First, the course will examine the development and role of alternatives to litigation in the last three decades, and will in particular consider the arguments for and against extra-judicial processes of dispute resolution. This aspect of the course will also examine, on a comparative basis, the manner in which legislatures and the judiciary have responded to the growth of negotiation and mediation, especially in developing such processes as judicial settlement conferences, judge-led or court-annexed mediation, restorative justice, the statutory provision for mediation, and judicial ‘supervision’ of private justice;

2. Second, the course will provide an introduction to the core skills and processes of negotiation and mediation, in particular paying attention to the practice of mutual gains bargaining and negotiating in the international legal environment. These skills of negotiation and mediation may be identified as encompassing dispute analysis, dispute management, bargaining, problem solving, effective communication, and relationship-building skills.

3. Building on the foundation of negotiation skills and processes, we will spend the last 3 or 4 sessions on mediation – as a form of facilitated negotiation. This part of the course will also involve critical evaluations of the role and development of mediation in many modern legal systems.

LAW405 – IT & the Law

Course Instructor: Warren CHIK

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
To introduce students to the many legal issues and problems that arise from and relate to developments in Information Technology, in particular the Internet and WWW, and to inculcate the skills to seek out solutions and to predict trends in law and policy in order to meet these challenges. Students will be taken through the policy considerations and general Singapore legislations and judicial decisions on the subject with minimal references to foreign legislation where relevant and useful. New legislative developments will also be considered in detail. In particular, recent amendments to the Electronic Transactions Act (2010) relating to e-contracting, e-signature and intermediary liability, and the recent enactment of the Personal Data Protection Law (2012) relating to data protection, do-not-call registry and SPAM, will be examined in detail.
LAW411 – Corporate Crime

Course Instructor: Chandra MOHAN

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
Crimes are taking place in the business or corporate world with increasing frequency. Knowledge of such crimes is, therefore, becoming increasingly important for all professionals. This course will provide students with sufficient knowledge of the major corporate crimes such as company fraud, corruption, insider trading, cyber crime, money laundering, terrorist financing and securities offences, the reasons for their occurrence and a critical understanding of the work of the regulatory, investigating and prosecuting agencies. It will also examine the role of the State in regulating corporate behaviour and current methods of crime control including international initiatives. Students will learn to appreciate the delicate balance which needs to be maintained between sustaining robust corporate activities and ensuring corporate integrity and good governance through sufficient regulation. The course is also designed to enhance scholarly research and writing skills.

LAW414 – International Commercialisation of Intellectual Property

Course Instructor: David LLEWELYN

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
This course will examine different ways in which value may be extracted from the ownership of intellectual property rights (IPRs). We will start with an overview of the various IPRs around the world and the more important differences between particular countries, which are important when considering an international IP strategy. The course will then turn to look at different ways of dealing with IPRs: assignment or sale, licensing, and joint ventures; and the different challenges they present. We will look in detail at the provisions to be included in assignments and licence agreements of the different IPRs. After that, we will look at how to conduct IP due diligence in corporate transactions, what to look for and how to negotiate the documentation. After that, IP issues in the IT industry will be discussed, as well as those you will come across in relation to using the Internet or setting up an Internet-based business. Finally, we will consider how the enforcement of IPRs plays a critical role in extracting value.

LAW417 – Law of Mergers & Acquisitions

Course Instructor: WAN Wai Yee

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
This course is designed to provide an overview of the regulation and practice of mergers and acquisitions transactions in Singapore. Where relevant, comparisons with other jurisdictions such as United States (particularly Delaware), United Kingdom, Australia and Hong Kong will be made. The topics that would be covered include mechanics of structuring mergers and acquisitions transactions, the preparatory work that is required in connection therewith, the regulatory environment in which mergers
and acquisitions take place, duties of participants engaged in mergers and acquisitions (including legal advisers, financial advisers and directors of acquirers and target companies), deal protections, deal tactics for friendly and hostile bids, disclosure obligations, compulsory acquisitions and financing. Case studies, adapted from real life examples, will be used extensively in the course.

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**LAW418 – Insurance Law**

**Course Instructor:** Christopher CHEN

This course is **1.0cu**

**Course Description:**
As one of the building blocks of the financial market, insurance not only is an integral part of people’s daily life but also plays an important role in commerce. The objective of this course is thus to understand laws regarding insurance contract and insurance business in Singapore. Two main aspects of this course are: (1) special rules regarding insurance contracts; and (2) the regulation of insurance companies, insurance agents/brokers and the insurance market. We will seek to cover both private law problems as well as regulatory issues so that students would have a structural understanding of laws regarding insurance contracts and the insurance market. After this course, students should be able to make arguments on behalf of different parties concerning an insurance policy and to identify legal issues regarding the operation of an insurance business. The course will primarily focus on Singapore law; but comparisons with foreign laws will be made from time to time to illustrate different perspectives.

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**LAW422 – Trade & Investment Law**

**Course Instructor:** Locknie HSU

This course is **1.0cu**

**Course Description:**
Singapore is a centre of trade and investment. The fields of international trade and investment law are intertwined, and an understanding of the law, trade and investment barriers, practices, institutions and policies operating in these fields is essential to effective work in international law firms, multinational corporations and international legal work in government. The first part of this course examines the international trade landscape, the main institutional protagonist, namely the World Trade Organization, and its rules, while the second part examines the legal issues surrounding cross-border investment decisions and disputes, particularly those arising in ICSID arbitrations. The course will equip students with an understanding of the sources of law, its interpretative instruments, the relevant institutions and their rules, and the ability to identify common trade and investment issues facing international businesses and possible solutions and to work out appropriate legal advice and generate solutions.
LAW423 – Shipping & Admiralty Law

Course Instructor: Ian TEO / Kendall TAN / TOH Kian Sing

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
This course aims to give students a thorough knowledge and understanding of the legal principles, policies and values underpinning the law on carriage of goods by sea and the arrest of ships. The course is conducted through seminars and presentation. The course is taught by maritime law practitioners, there will be a particular focus on common issues arising in the practice of shipping and admiralty law. Besides lectures, the course will be taught by way of seminar discussions on hypothetical problems and student presentations on specific topics.
The course will examine the main features and the commercial significance of the different types of charterparties and bills of lading commonly used in international sea trades. There will be a detailed examination of the contractual relationship between owners, charterers and shippers and their respective contractual obligations. The main features of international shipping conventions will be examined from a practical perspective. This course also provides study of the principles and practical application of the law of ship arrest. Another main area of study is the role of jurisdiction and arbitration clauses in shipping matters and their practical application. The course is taught by Senior Counsel Toh Kian Sing, Kendall Tan and Ian Teo who are Partners at the Admiralty & Shipping Practice Group at Rajah & Tann LLP.

LAW428 – Family Law

Course Instructor: KOH Tien Hua

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
The course will broadly cover family and matrimonial law in Singapore for non-Muslims from the law relating to marriages to divorces and ancillary matters. More specifically, the course will deal with issues of jurisdiction for marriages and divorces, breakdown of marriages, separation and divorces, financial arrangements or agreements pre-marriage, during marriage and post marriage, division of assets on divorce, maintenance for former wives and children, custody of children, access issues and practical and legal issues on family violence and maintenance for wives and children during the marriage.

LAW445 – Principles of the Law of Restitution

Course Instructor: TANG Hang Wu

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
The prevention of unjust enrichment as an independent legal principle, capable of founding causes of action, gained currency as an independent branch of the common law in England and Singapore only as
This course introduces students to the central concepts and disputes in the law of restitution, focusing on unjust enrichment and restitution for wrongs as organising themes.

LGST001 – Ethics & Social Responsibility

Course Instructor: Austin PULLE / Basil BITAS / Ian MACDUFF / Jeremy LEONG / Shubhankar DAM / Amy SEOW / Arwen JOYCE / Elgin TAY / Melvyn CHEW / ONG Ee Ing

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
The corporate scandals that are exposed in many parts of the world have as their root cause a violation of some fundamental ethical rule. Less spectacular but equally instructive are the ethical dilemmas in the grey areas constantly faced by business and its stakeholders as well as the professions. What should the trade-off be between equity (doing what is right) and efficiency (doing what is profitable)? To explore this question, this course will attempt to develop an understanding of ethical issues that affect business by critically studying the interaction of well known ethical principles and business in a variety of contexts with an emphasis on the ethical issues raised by business practices and social customs in Asia. We will also investigate those principles of corporate social responsibility that require businesses to maximize their positive effects and minimize their negative effects on society. Because the major part of the course will be devoted to applied ethics, at the end of the course, students, when confronted by everyday ethical and social responsibility problems in a business organization, should be able to generate well-reasoned advice based on widely accepted ethics and social responsibility principles. A “stretch goal” for interested students is to become a resource person on ethics and social responsibility in their organization and someone who could be relied on to give sound advice on such matters to peers, subordinates, and superiors when such advice is sought.

LGST101 – Business Law

Course Instructor: George SHENOY / LOO Wee Ling / NANG Su Wai / Melvyn CHEW / Russell LOW / Terence ANG

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
This is an introductory course designed to help business students acquaint themselves with the framework of Singapore’s legal system and to understand the legal environment within which businesses operate. A substantial part of the course is dedicated to the study of contract law principles, as the making and performance of contracts form the rudiment of all businesses. Students will also be introduced to the law of torts and will, in particular, learn the essentials of the very pervasive tort of negligence. Other legal areas and concepts which, at the instructors’ discretion, will be taught include privity of contract, agency, business torts, commercial crime, e-commerce law, law of business organizations, intellectual property and international legal aspects of business.

Upon completion of the course, students should:

- Understand the framework of the Singapore legal system;
- Understand and be able to apply the methodology of basic legal reasoning;
Be able to identify key legal issues arising from commercial transactions and apply the principles learnt to address such issues; and
Be able to better manage legal risks.

LGST201 – Company Law

Course Instructor: Christopher CHEN

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
The corporate form, as a basic legal structure for the operation and conduct of businesses, pervades the commercial world. This is however no indication that the company is a simple structure. On the contrary, because it is effectively a web of different interests, rights and obligations, the company is a highly complex structure. As such, the corporate form is fittingly the most regulated of all business entities. This course will cover the main body of laws that regulate the operational aspects of companies embodied in the Companies Act. Where appropriate and relevant, these laws will be considered from the different perspectives of the various interest groups in a corporate structure. The course will also attempt to acquaint the student with the primary issues that are raised in the management of companies. Topics include current issues in corporate governance, the external regulation of corporate matters, the duties of corporate managers, directors and other officers, the law and practice of meetings and legal issues relating to corporate restructuring. The difficulties relating to transactions with other parties, which are peculiar to companies, will also be covered, including corporate contracting and insolvency. We will also consider proposed amendments of the Companies Act in 2013.

LGST205 – IT & the Law

Course Instructor: Warren CHIK

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
To introduce students to the many legal issues and problems that arise from and relate to developments in Information Technology, in particular the Internet and WWW, and to inculcate the skills to seek out solutions and to predict trends in law and policy in order to meet these challenges. Students will be taken through the policy considerations and general Singapore legislations and judicial decisions on the subject with minimal references to foreign legislation where relevant and useful. New legislative developments will also be considered in detail. For example, there have been recent developments in contract law legislation in 2010, changes in the social media landscape in 2011 and privacy and data protection laws passed in 2012.
LGST223 – Law of International Trade

Course Instructor: Michael FURMSTON

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
An appreciation and understanding of legal issues relevant to the international trade is of immense value to ensure that a person involved in international trade is able to anticipate and hopefully avoid, or be at least equipped to address legal issues that may arise. The course is structured to provide an overview of legal issues that are commonly encountered in international trade. These include issues that apply generally to all types of contracts (both domestic and international) and also those that are unique to international trade.

LGST231 – Entertainment Law

Course Instructor: Warren CHIK

This course is 1.0cu

Course Description:
To introduce students to the legal aspects of the entertainment and media industry including the types of agreements (and the common terms and conditions) relating to the various parties in the industry including production, distribution, licensing and merchandising contracts as well as artiste employment contracts and endorsement and sponsorship deals; intellectual property issues such as copyright, trademark, confidentiality, passing off and personality rights; the content regulatory framework in Singapore and the tension between freedom of expression and speech on the one hand and public morality and censorship interests on the other; the law of defamation and other content related regulations and licensing requirements that are relevant to the entertainment industry; and other matters relating to the subject. Case studies will be used to highlight entertainment law issues and to test out the possible legal outcomes in the event of a dispute.