

CV4106 Construction Law & Dispute Resolution

[Lecture: 26 hr ; Tutorial: 13 hr ; Lab: 0 hr ; Pre-requisite: Year 4 Standing ; Academic Unit: 3.0]

Learning Objective :

The course is aimed to equip students with good understanding of basic Construction Law and a good exposure to its application in contract advisory and dispute management area in the Construction industry under its legal framework. Students will be exposed to practical court cases on contract disputes as well as getting familiar with the current Security of Payment Act - Building & Construction Industry.

Course Content :

The course comprises two parts namely the Construction Law and Contract dispute. The main topics include the following: Basic law of contract, Contract disputes and dispute resolution procedure, Application of basic principles in contract disputes, Essential clauses and their applications in conditions of contracts, Contract dispute case studies, Security of Payment Act-Building & Construction Industry.

Course Outline :

S/N	Topic
1	Overview of Basic Law of Contract and Law of Torts
2	Singapore Construction Industry and its Legal Framework
3	Introduction to SOP, Procedure of Claim under SOP
4	Discussion of Standard Forms of Contract and Essential clauses in Construction Contract
5	Overview of Dispute Resolution Processes.
6	Contract disputes and dispute resolution: Case studies
7	Adjudication under Security of Payment (SOP) Legislation

Learning Outcome :

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to know the basic understanding on the fundamentals in contract law, contract advisory and dispute procedure. This should contribute strongly towards enhancing the overall confidence and core competence of an engineer in managing engineering projects.

Textbooks :

No specific text is required since the course covers a diverse range of topics

References :

1. John Murdoch & Will Hughes Construction Contracts Law and Management, Third Edition, E & FN Spon, London, 2000.
2. John Uff, Q.C. "Construction Law" Sixth Edition, Sweet & Maxwell 1996.
3. SIA Articles and Conditions of Building Contract, 1999, August, 6th Edition, Singapore Institute of Architects, Singapore.

(Note: To use the latest edition available)