

LISGAR COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE



DEPARTMENT: Fine Arts and Business

COURSE NAME: Grade 11 Open Course: Understanding Canadian Law

COURSE CODE: CLU3M

OVERVIEW

This course explores Canadian law with a focus on legal issues relevant to everyday lives. Students will investigate legal concepts and processes to gain an understanding of Canada's legal system, including the criminal justice system. Students will use critical-thinking, inquiry and communication skills to develop informed opinions on legal issues and apply this knowledge in a variety of ways and settings.

Course Prerequisite: Canadian History Since World War I, Grade 10, Academic or Applied

COURSE CONTENT

Unit 1: An Introduction to Law

- the nature and purpose of law
- the development of Canadian law
- law-making: the division of powers, the roles of the three branches of government, the process of making laws

Unit 2: Criminal Law

- criminal law theory
- criminal offences and defences
- criminal law applied to youth
- sentencing options and principles
- key aspects of the criminal trial process

Unit 3: The Rights and Freedoms of Canadians

- the development of rights and freedoms in Canada
- the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and other human rights legislation in Canada
- the role of the judiciary, especially the Supreme Court of Canada, in interpreting the Charter
- historical and contemporary barriers to the equal enjoyment of human rights

Unit 4: Tort Law

- negligence and intentional torts

EVALUATION

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| 1. Application | 17.5 % |
| 2. Knowledge/Understanding | 17.5 % |
| 3. Communication | 17.5 % |
| 4. Thinking/Inquiry/Problem Solving | 17.5 % |

SUMMATIVE

Criminal Law Mock Trial - 15%

Summative Due Date(s): May 31, 2010 – June 4, 2010

EXAM

The final exam for this course is worth 15% of the student's final mark.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Students will be evaluated through quizzes, tests, role plays, written assignments and oral presentations. Their final marks will be based on the following formula: 70% class work throughout the semester, 15% Criminal Law mock trial, and 15% final exam.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

Students will be using the following textbook for this course:

Gibson, Murphy et al., All About Law: Exploring the Canadian Legal System (5th Edition), Toronto: Nelson, 2003.

Textbooks are lent to the students for their use during the semester and must be returned to Mrs. Bayer before the final exam.