

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2010-11 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹

COURSE	Law 343 Health Law
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Sherie Verhulst
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2010
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will introduce students to fundamental principles and issues in contemporary health law and policy in Canada. Key topics will include:

- legal foundations of Canadian health care and the public insurance system
- regulation of health care professionals
- negligence actions and patient safety
- consent to health care treatment and issues respecting lack of capacity
- privacy and confidentiality of health information
- legal and ethical issues concerning reproduction, end of life care, research with human subjects and emerging technologies
- public health law, particularly legal issues associated with infectious and chronic disease control
- basic concepts in mental health law

The course will draw on current controversies in health law and policy to illustrate key topics. Guest speakers may periodically be invited to class.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this course are to provide students with an opportunity to learn fundamental health law principles, apply those principles in a variety of contexts, discuss and analyze current issues in health law and policy, and enhance their research and writing skills by preparing and presenting a paper on a health law topic of their choice.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Teaching methodologies will include interactive lecture, case studies, class discussion and guest lectures.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The method of evaluation will be:

Research paper:	70%
Paper outline and bibliography:	10%
Case study or legislative analysis:	20%

No students will be allowed to complete a major paper in this course.

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