

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
20010-11 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹

COURSE	Law 344 Insurance
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2010
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course will examine the theory and elements of the practice of insurance law, with reference to the most common forms of both first party and third party insurance: property, life, accident and sickness, and motor vehicle insurance. The aim is to help students gain insight into the structure and substance of the operation of this specialized area of contract law in protecting consumers of insurance products while ensuring the viability of the insurance system. The major educational goals for this course include:

- To gain an appreciation of the principles of insurance law and the particular operation of contract law in the insurance context
- To develop ability to analyze insurance problems and apply legal doctrine and policy considerations to them
- To acquire insight into the structure and substance of insurance policies
- To evaluate the effectiveness of legislation in controlling the insurance industry and protecting the interests of policy holders/beneficiaries

METHODOLOGY

This is principally a lecture course. There will also be class discussions intended to provide students the opportunity to critically reflect on the readings as well as apply skills and knowledge acquired in the course to solve practical problems. There is no mark for class participation. However, students are encouraged to participate in class discussions as this will serve as a mechanism for the instructor to gauge the extent of students' engagement with the materials and address potential concerns, if any. Directions for class discussions will be contained in lesson plans to be posted on Moodle prior to each class.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Students may choose one of the options outlined below:

Option A:

1. Short research paper or case comment worth 30 per cent of the final grade
 - a. Students will choose their own topic or case in consultation with the instructor
 - b. Papers should be at least 10 pages long and not exceed 15 pages
 - c. Detailed instructions for the paper will be posted on Moodle
2. Final examination: Final Examination (open book) worth 70 per cent of the final grade.. Depending on the number of students who choose Option A and whether their anonymity can be protected, they may write a shorter final examination compared to those who choose Option B.

Or

Option B:

Final Examination (open book) worth 100 per cent of the final grade

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is *subject to change*. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Manager of Academic Administration and Student Services (lawmaass@uvic.ca).