

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

COURSE	Law 307B Civil Procedure with Drafting
UNIT VALUE	2.0 Units (4 hours per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Kerry Simmons
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2011
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None; Required course for LL.B. students

OBJECTIVES

To become familiar with the main steps of rules of procedure for conducting a civil action; to develop the knowledge and skill needed to draft basic legal documents and to apply that knowledge. To study the role and professional responsibility of lawyers and other legal professionals involved in civil disputes. To explore the aspirations and limitations of civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution processes in contemporary multicultural societies.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Law 307B offers an overview of common law civil procedure with reference to the Supreme Court Civil Rules governing Supreme Court of British Columbia practice. General topics covered include theories of dispute resolution, stages of civil litigation, organization and jurisdiction of judicial tribunals, roles and obligations of legal professionals, management of judicial resources, access to justice, civil justice reform and principles of legal drafting.

METHODOLOGY

The course will consist of lectures, small group work, and discussion. The lectures are to provide information and a framework to understand the topic. Small groups will be used to discuss and practice drafting principles. There will be class discussions to stimulate critical reflection and apply knowledge from readings. Students are expected to have read and thought about assigned readings prior to class; to participate in class discussions; and, to ask questions during class.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Drafting Assignment #1: Notice of Civil Claim, 25% of final grade

Chambers Assignment: Drafting Assignment #2, Application, 25% of final grade

Oral Advocacy, Chambers, 10% of final grade

Final Examination: 40% of final grade

The Final Examination will be open book meaning that you can bring your notes, summary/outline and the British Columbia Annual Practice into the examination room.

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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).