

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2010-11 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 343 A05 Information and Privacy Law
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	David Loukidelis/Murray Rankin
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2011
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	None

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course will begin with an introduction to the historical, political and constitutional context for Canadian freedom of information and privacy laws, with an emphasis on the federal and B.C. legislation. After freedom of information legislation is introduced, issues pertaining to the protection of privacy will constitute a significant component of the course, with an emphasis on both public sector and recent private sector privacy legislation.

Topics to be addressed will include the following:

- freedom of information protections for confidential business information, policy advice, Cabinet confidences, third-party privacy, and law enforcement information;
- international privacy protection regimes (public and private sector);
- Canadian private sector privacy laws;
- issues surrounding security, public safety and privacy;
- Issues in the privacy of personal health information (including genetic data).

## **METHODOLOGY**

The required reading for this course has been reproduced by the Faculty and is available from the CDC. The course syllabus will be made available electronically to students during the first week of lectures. In addition to class discussion, guest lecturers will attend. Classroom presentations by students will also be an important part of the methodology.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

The course will be evaluated primarily through a research paper. However, some marks will also be allocated for a class participation requirement, the exact details of which are to be determined.

The final grade for this course will be based on the following components:

- Each student will participate in a mock tribunal proceeding or Cabinet submission. You will be required to: (a) prepare a written brief of argument and (b) to present a short oral argument on a hypothetical case or appeal involving an access or privacy issue. During the first lecture, on September 9, students will select the date for their classroom exercise and assignment. The classroom assignment is worth 25% of the final grade.
- In addition, each student will write an essay of at least 4,500 words on a topic chosen by the student with the instructors' approval. A list of essay topics will be circulated to the class during the first week of classes. The essay is worth 75% of the final grade.
- Code names will be used for the essay and will be obtained from the Main Office.

*June 17, 2010*

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:lawmaass@uvic.ca)).