

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION¹**

COURSE	Law 303 Criminal Procedure
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Colleen Smith
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2011
CLASS TIMES	See schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

To gain a concrete understanding of criminal procedure as it applies to all three levels of court in British Columbia; Provincial Court, Supreme Court, and the Court of Appeal. As approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of all criminal matters are dealt with in Provincial Court, there will be a particular focus on Provincial Court practice.

METHODOLOGY

This course will be taught through a combination of lectures, class discussions, class exercises, and guest speakers. Class discussion is intended to stimulate critical reflection upon the materials as well as to apply knowledge from the readings and lectures to practical problems. It is expected that students will attend class, will have read and thought about the assigned materials before coming to class, and will be able to identify and discuss relevant issues raised by the readings.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

The final grade for this course will be based on **three** components, as follows:

- **Court Observation Outline:** Each student will be required to attend the Victoria Courthouse, spend at least a half day observing the criminal courts in action, and prepare a brief summary of the proceedings observed. Students are encouraged to attempt to observe proceedings at each stage of the criminal process (judicial interim release, pre-trial appearances, preliminary hearing, trial and sentencing). The written summary will be brief, likely 2 -3 pages, and will identify the courtrooms attended, the nature of the proceedings, the applicable *Criminal Code* sections, and a summary of observations. This Court Watching Outline will comprise **10%** of the final grade.
- **Mock Sentencing:** Each student will be required to present short (5 minute) oral sentencing submissions. The Sentencing Submissions will comprise 10% of the final grade.
- **Final Exam:** There will be a three-hour final exam comprising the remaining 80% of the final grade in this course. The final examination will be marked on a letter grade system.

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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).