

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION – PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 343 A04 Health Law
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Sherie Verhulst
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Fall 2011
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	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 health care funding
- regulation of health care professionals, negligence actions and patient safety
- consent to health care treatment and issues respecting lack of capacity
- basic concepts in mental health law
- privacy and confidentiality of health information
- public health law, particularly legal issues associated with infectious and chronic disease control
- legal and ethical issues concerning end of life care, emerging technologies, research on humans and reproduction

The course will draw on current controversies in health law and policy to illustrate key topics.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this course are to introduce students to fundamental health law principles, to apply those principles to “real-world” contexts by discussing current issues in health law and policy, and to enhance their research and writing skills, including practical writing skills, by preparing a paper on a health law topic of their choice as well as memos and briefing notes.

## **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

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

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

The method of evaluation will be:

Memo to client	5%
Report to senior lawyer	10%
Briefing note for minister	15%
Paper outline and bibliography:	5%
Research paper:	65%

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

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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)).