

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

COURSE	Law 343 The Legal Landscape Facing First Nations
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Judith Sayers
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2011
CLASS TIMES	TBA
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	NO

COURSE OBJECTIVES/BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will cover the laws and issues that affect First Nations on a routine basis. The course focuses on familiarizing students with laws that affect First Nations and how they are applied. Practical use of the laws will be illustrated through the use of examples, models and existing agreements.

The objectives of the course include:

- Become knowledgeable about the practicalities of working with First Nations to resolve core issues in the community
- Explore the core pieces of legislation applicable to First Nations, their Chiefs and Councils, their members and their rights and resources
- Acquire the skills to interpret current laws affecting First Nations in light of case law and policy
- Critically evaluate ways to protect rights of First Nations and fair accommodation if rights are affected

Teaching Methodology

A variety of teaching methods will be employed including lectures, class discussions and problem analysis.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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| 1. Student prepared questions and answers and class participation | 10% |
| 2. Mini model or agreement | 15% |
| 3. Short paper based on a video | 15% |
| 4. Paper based on fact pattern and use of laws | 60% |

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