

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

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 344 Insurance
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Fall 2011
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	None

## **OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course will examine the theory and elements of the practice of insurance law, with reference to the most common forms of both first party and third party insurance: property, life, accident and sickness, and motor vehicle insurance. The aim is to help students gain insight into the structure and substance of the operation of this specialized area of contract law in protecting consumers of insurance products while ensuring the viability of the insurance system. The major educational goals for this course include:

- To gain an appreciation of the principles of insurance law and the particular operation of contract law in the insurance context
- To develop ability to analyze insurance problems and apply legal doctrine and policy considerations to them
- To acquire insight into the structure and substance of insurance policies
- To evaluate the effectiveness of legislation in controlling the insurance industry and protecting the interests of consumers of insurance products

## **METHODOLOGY**

This is principally a lecture course. There will also be class discussions to give students the opportunity to critically reflect on the readings as well as apply skills and knowledge acquired in the course to solve practical problems. There is no mark for class participation. However, students are encouraged to participate in class discussions as this will serve as a mechanism for the instructor to gauge the extent of students' engagement with the materials and address potential concerns, if any. Directions for class discussions will be contained in lesson plans to be posted on Moodle prior to each class.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Students may choose one of the options outlined below:

1. Mid-term examination: 40%

**Or**

Research paper or case comment: 40%

- a. Students will choose their own topic or case in consultation with the instructor
- b. Papers should be at least 12 pages long and not to exceed 15 pages
- c. Detailed instructions for the paper will be posted on Moodle

2. Final examination: 60%

*May 27, 2011*

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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))