

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

COURSE	Law 301 The Administrative Law Process
UNIT VALUE	2 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Maneesha Deckha
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2012
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

Administrative law deals with the relationships between different branches of the state. It charts the delivery of government services and the attendant rights and interests of persons and other legal entities as recipients of those services. It is a set of principles and rules that determine how courts supervise the decisions of governmental bodies acting under (mostly) statutory powers to ensure that their dealings with their constituencies comply with the law. The course explores the various reasons courts review such decisions and also considers the varying standards of review they apply in different contexts. The course also considers administrative law in social context, examining the impact of its doctrine on diversity and equity issues. The connections between administrative and constitutional law will be highlighted. The course is a staple of public law and serves as a foundation for more specialized study in numerous other areas of public law including constitutional, immigration, labour, financial services, environmental, freedom of information, privacy, and human rights laws.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course strives to be responsive to various learning styles and skill sets. As such, the traditional pure lecture method will not be followed. Instead, class time will consist of class discussion, lectures and more interactive exercises. Students should come to class *fully* willing to participate and are expected to try new techniques and interact with one another during non-lecture portions of the class. The course also implements the Faculty of Law's commitments to understanding law in social context and, in particular, its relationship to social justice, by examining the principles of administrative law in relation to social and cultural differences. The course seeks to promote critical thinking in general as well as a substantive grasp of the historical basis and contemporary principles of administrative law.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Evaluation will likely consist of three (3) writing assignments between 10-15 pages each. Each writing assignment will be worth between 25-40% of the grade. Students may opt to write their Major Paper for this course for 100% of the grade. There will be no exam in the course.

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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).