

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

COURSE	Law 314 Commercial and Consumer Law
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Michael Litchfield
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2012
CLASS TIMES	See schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	None

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will address the law governing commercial and consumer transactions relating to the sale of goods and services. Relevant case law and legislation will be examined including the *Sale of Goods Act* and the *Business Practices and Consumer Protection Act*. Students will also be introduced to various foundational practical and drafting concepts relating to commercial and consumer transactions.

Objectives

- Learn the fundamental legal principles governing commercial and consumer transactions;
- Gain familiarity with the legislative framework for the sale of goods and consumer protection in British Columbia;
- Learn the fundamentals of contract drafting for commercial and consumer transactions.

METHODOLOGY

This course will be delivered through a variety of teaching methods including lecture, student presentation, class discussion and group work. As this course aims to develop both theoretical knowledge and practical skills, active student participation will be expected.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Students will have two evaluation options:

Option 1

- 20% 1500 word paper on a topic relating to commercial or consumer transactions. Students may choose to write a paper that analyses a particular transaction or students may choose to write a research paper that addresses a particular topic of commercial or consumer law policy or theory.
- 70% Open book, take home final examination.
- 10% Class participation.

Option 2

- 40% 3000 word research paper on a topic to be chosen in consultation with the instructor.
- 50% Open book, take home final examination.
- 10% Class participation.

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