

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

COURSE	Law 343 A06 Collaborative Family Law
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Robert Klassen
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2012
CLASS TIMES	See schedule
PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES	Law 322 Family Law
RECOMMENDED	Law 337 Dispute Resolution: Theory and Practice

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course looks at collaborative dispute resolution process starting with an historical perspective, observe its evolution and growth from its start in the early 1990's in the USA and spread throughout Canada and beyond to Europe. The various groups, both locally and across Canada would be examined and then the focus would be on how the process works, the use of an interdisciplinary team who have been specially trained, the training involved, the cost of the process, the benefits and challenges, a critical examination throughout the course of its effectiveness measured and contrasted and compared with mediation, other consensual dispute resolution options and traditional litigation, along with role plays to demonstrate how to effectively deal with the many diverse situations the process can handle.

METHODOLOGY

Lectures that engage the students in trying to understand how they can integrate the collaborative process into problem solving, not only in the interests of their future clients, but how this facilitates a creative function in the legal process which enhances their own abilities as legal practitioners.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

i. Class Participation: 30 percent

Participation is an important part of the mark and "participation" in this context means grasping, thinking about and synthesizing the ideas and concepts of the course material and then communicating your perspectives with the Instructor and the class.

- Discussion Questions/Comments 10%
- Written Commentaries on Readings/Journals 15%
- Class Participation 5%

ii. Two in-class exams worth 35% each

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