

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

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 355 Legal Skills
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Mary Anne Waldron
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2012
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	Law 309 Evidence and Law 307B Civil Procedure are recommended (NOT required) pre- or co-requisites

## **DESCRIPTION**

The course uses materials from substantive law to examine and develop the skills of the lawyer in interviewing, advising clients, mediation and negotiation. The emphasis in the course will be on practicing foundational skills required to carry out these tasks. Students will learn techniques for conducting interviews and gathering facts; client-centred approaches to giving advice; and how to plan for and conduct a negotiation. Approximately 50% of the course will be devoted to interviewing and advising clients and 50% to negotiation. One class will provide a brief introduction to mediation.

Students will be introduced to a wide range of skills in a practical setting.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

This is a pass / fail course. Students will complete numerous practical exercises, both in and out of class, in which they will be expected to demonstrate a basic grasp of some of the important skills lawyers use in their day to day work. Students will also complete a course journal in which they will be required to reflect on the experience-based components of the course. Participation in role-playing exercises is required. In order to ensure that students have a fair opportunity to practice skills as they learn them, it is expected that students will attend ALL classes unless prevented from doing so by illness, family hardship or other similarly significant reasons.

No students will be allowed to complete a major paper in this course.

*March 18, 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)).