

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2011-12 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION SUMMARY¹

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| COURSE | Law 363 Conflicts of Law (Private International Law) |
| UNIT VALUE | 1.5 Unit (3 hours of instruction per week) |
| INSTRUCTOR | Robert Howell |
| TERM OFFERED | Spring 2012 |
| CLASS TIMES | See schedule |
| PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES | No |
| PREREQUISITE FOR OTHER COURSES? | No |

COURSE OBJECTIVES/ BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION

(a) Objective

To familiarize students with the principles and concepts of private international law – especially the key areas of jurisdiction; recognition and enforcement of extra-territorial judgments; and choice of law theories. Additionally to familiarize students with the implications of globalization and technological developments, such as the Internet with respect to private international law.

(b) Course Description

This course considers the relationship of legal systems in private international and interprovincial disputes. Specific areas for consideration include determination of whether a court has jurisdiction in such disputes and whether it should exercise its jurisdiction to hear the case, what substantive legal rules should be used to resolve such disputes, and when/how recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments and arbitral awards may be effected. Reference is made to international agreements that deal with aspects of private international litigation and the relationship between conflict of laws principles and Canadian constitutional law. A review of the theoretical basis for conflict of laws principles as well as the policy decisions inherent in conflict of laws reasoning are encouraged.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

(a) Teaching Methodology

Lectures, discussion and analysis.

(b) Evaluation

Final written **CLOSED BOOK** examination 100%.

(c) No Possibility of Undertaking a Major Writing Paper

There is **NO** possibility of a candidate completing a major writing requirement in this course. However, a candidate who successfully completes the course may be permitted to complete separately in a subsequent term, a Law 399 Supervised Writing and Research paper on a private international law topic. This possibility would need to be discussed with Professor Howell.

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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, contact the Manager of Academic Administration and Students Services (lawmaass@uvic.ca).