

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

<b>COURSE</b>	Law 388 A02 Advanced Legal Research and Writing
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Derek Jackson
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2012
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES</b>	None

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

This course builds on research and writing skills learned in first year law. Students explore a wide range of legal research sources and learn the importance and integration of both print and on-line research sources. The importance of context, organization and analysis is stressed. The goal of the course is to provide success in the Legal Research and Writing component of the B.C. Professional Legal Training Course and to bolster research skills generally.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The course will employ a combination of lectures, exercises, and tutorials. Students will be advised on how to obtain passwords for Quicklaw/Lexis and WestlawCanada as well as other research databases required for use or mentioned in the course. Guest speakers will present to the class on specific aspects of legal research and writing.

The classes will present concepts and theory, explain the structure of secondary sources, and provide practice in developing legal analysis and research skills through in class exercises. Students are strongly encouraged to engage with the material through asking questions and engaging in class discussions.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

Major Research Assignment	50%
Research Plan	10%
Legislation Quiz	15%
Case Law Quiz	15%
Class Participation	10%

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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)).