



Department of Political Science

Course Outline Canadian and Quebec Law POLI 321/AA Fall 2019

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to Canadian and Quebec law. It emphasizes the most important aspects of Canadian and Quebec law. This includes general legal concepts and principles, an understanding of the Canadian constitution and Charter, the Quebec Charter and Labour Standards Act, the Quebec Civil Code, jurisprudence and various sources of laws.

Required Text:

The Basics of Quebec Law, 1st Edition (2018), Paladin Publications.
(Available at the Concordia University bookstore)

Evaluation:

Students will be required to write **two mid-term exams (30% each)** and a **final exam (40%)**. Both exams may be written in French and/or English and both will be closed-book exams. Students are NOT allowed to bring in any materials with them when they write the mid-term and final exam. More information regarding the exams will be posted on Moodle in due time.

Missed Class Tests:

Make-up tests will be granted for serious medical reasons as long as they are supported by authentic medical documentation. The documentation must include the date and the reasons for the incapability to write the class test.

Students who miss a class test and who do not provide the above-mentioned medical documentation, will receive a grade of zero for the test that they did not write.

Grading Distribution:

90-100%	A+		77-79%	B+		67-69%	C+		57-59%	D+
85-89%	A		73-76%	B		63-66%	C		53-56%	D
80-84%	A-		70-72%	B-		60-62%	C-		50-52%	D-
									0-49%	F

Course Schedule (subject to changes):

Week 1	Chapter One: Introduction to Law 1.1 What is Law? 1.2 The Law of the Land 1.3 Law & Justice 1.4 Law & Ethics 1.5 Understanding the Domains of Law 1.6 A Legal System
Week 2	Chapter Three: The Quebec Legal System 3.1 Structure – The First Element of the Québec Legal System 3.2 Law – The Second Element of the Québec Legal System 3.3 Administration and Enforcement - The Third Element of the Québec Legal System

Week 3	<p>Chapter Four: Personal Rights</p> <p>4.1 Introduction 4.2 The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms 4.3 The Québec Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms 4.4 The Civil Code of Québec</p>
Week 4	<p>Chapter Five: Court Proceedings in a Civil Action</p> <p>5.1 Substantive and Adjectival Law 5.2 “To Sue” – the Five W’s 5.3 Court Proceedings 5.4 Executing Judgments 5.5 Costs in Legal Proceedings</p>
Week 5	<p>Test I Chapters 1, 3, 4 and 5</p> <p>Chapter Seven: Principles of Contract Law</p> <p>7.1 Obligations 7.2 Contracts</p>
Week 6	<p>Chapter Nine: The Contract of Sale</p> <p>9.1 The Contract of Sale 9.2 The Consumer Protection Act</p>
Week 7	<p>Chapter Ten: Property and Ownership</p> <p>10.1 Kinds of Property 10.2 Acquisition of Property 10.3 Ownership Rights 10.4 Working with Ownership 10.5 Limitations on Ownership 10.6 Intellectual Property</p>
Week 8	<p>Chapter Eleven: The Law of the Lease</p> <p>11.1 Use of Other’s Property 11.2 General Rules 11.3 Commercial Leases 11.4 Dwelling Leases</p>
Week 9	<p>Test II Chapters 7, 9, 10 and 11</p> <p>Chapter Twelve: Employment Law</p> <p>12.1 Introduction 12.2 The Individual Contract of Employment 12.3 The Collective Labour Contract</p>

Week 10	Chapter Twelve: Employment Law (continued)
Week 11	Chapter Thirteen: Successions and Wills 13.1 Introduction 13.2 Intestate Succession 13.3 Testamentary Successions – Wills
Week 12	Chapter Eight: Civil Responsibility 8.1 Introduction 8.2 Personal Responsibility 8.3 Indirect Responsibility 8.4 Limiting Civil Responsibility
Week 13	Chapter 16: Criminal Law 16.1 Basics of Criminal Law 16.2 Summary versus Indictable Offense 16.3 Defences

Disclaimer:

This syllabus is subject to change and any changes will be posted in the course website on Moodle.

In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

Academic Integrity:

The Code of Conduct (Academic) at Concordia University states that "The integrity of University academic life and of the degrees, diplomas and certificates the University confers is dependent upon the honesty and soundness of the instructor-student learning relationship and, in particular, that of the evaluation process. Therefore, for their part, all students are expected to be honest in all of their academic endeavors and relationships with the University" Undergraduate Calendar 2018-2019, section 17.10.

<http://www.concordia.ca/academics/undergraduate/calendar/current/17-10.html>