



CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

COURSE OUTLINE		
TERM: Fall 2023	COURSE NO: LAW 101	
INSTRUCTOR:	COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Law	
OFFICE: LOCAL: E-MAIL: @capilanou.ca	SECTION NO(S):	CREDITS: 3.0
OFFICE HOURS:		
COURSE WEBSITE:		

Capilano University acknowledges with respect the Lil'wat7úl (Lil'wat), xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) people on whose territories our campuses are located.

COURSE FORMAT

Three hours of class time, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15-week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

None

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the legal system in Canada, starting with the forms and sources of law, followed by an exploration of the Constitution, which is the framework for all Canadian law. The constitutional section of the course emphasizes the division of legislative authority between the provinces and the federal government, and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The course also introduces students to legal professional responsibility, as well as topics such as administrative law, private law, Indigenous law, and international law.

COURSE NOTE

LAW 101 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES

- John Fairlie & Philip Sworden, *Introduction to Law in Canada* (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, most recent edition).
- Instructors' supplemental lecture notes and handouts, including some case law and excerpts from the constitution.

COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:

1. Identify the sources of law, and the relationship among them.
2. Describe and explain the jurisdiction and structure of the federal and provincial courts.
3. Understand the principles of Canada's constitution, including the division of legislative authority between the federal and provincial governments.
4. Analyse and apply the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
5. Explain the roles of and ethical rules applicable to judges, lawyers and legal assistants, and apply these to sample fact patterns.
6. Describe and explain the basic legal principles of administrative law.
7. Critically analyse arguments about fundamental questions of law and Canada's legal system, including comparison with international law.

Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:

1. Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies;
2. Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society;
3. Analyse the impact of colonialism and racism on Indigenous peoples;
4. Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change; and
5. Explain how contexts (e.g. cultural, historical, colonial, economic, technological) shape identity formation and social structures.

COURSE CONTENT

WEEK	CONTENT
1	OVERVIEW OF COURSE & CANADIAN LEGAL SYSTEM
2	Topic 1: SOURCES & RULE OF LAW INTRO. TO COMMON LAW
3	Topic 2: COMMON LAW & THE COURT SYSTEM
4	Topic 3: LEGISLATION & STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT
5 – 6	Topic 4: CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS OF LAW, Part 1: FEDERALISM
7	MIDTERM EXAM
8	Topic 5: CONSTITUTION, Part 2: <i>CANADA ACT, 1982</i> & <i>CHARTER</i>
9 – 10	Topic 5: <i>CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS</i> , in depth
11	Topic 6: LEGAL PROFESSION + LEGAL ETHICS

WEEK	CONTENT
12	Topic 7: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
13	Topic 8: INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW
14-15	FINAL EXAM PERIOD: FINAL EXAM (on material covered after midterm)

EVALUATION PROFILE

Quiz	5%
Midterm Exam	25 – 30%
Final Exam	30 – 35%
News commentary (individual)	15%
Group assignment	15%
Participation*	<u>0 – 10%</u>
TOTAL	100%

*Participation

Class and online activities will involve participation in presenting cases or legal principles to the class, isolating the main facts and issues of the case or principle presented. Typically, there will be two presentations each term, with a 5% mark for each presentation.

GRADING PROFILE

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

Incomplete Grades

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

Late Assignments

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date listed. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, please consult with your instructor beforehand.

Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

*** Accommodations can be made to honour community needs and traditional practices.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

English Usage

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

Electronic Devices

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only.

On-line Communication

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or e-Learn; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS**Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <https://www.capilanou.ca/student-services/>

Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)

Policy Statement (S2009-06)

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

Academic Integrity (S2017-05)

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy and procedures S2017-05 Academic Integrity for more information: <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

Academic dishonesty is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity.

Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

Cheating: Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;

- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

Fraud: Creation or use of falsified documents.

Misuse or misrepresentation of sources: Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

Plagiarism: Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

Self-Plagiarism: Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

Prohibited Conduct: The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy and B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure (found on Policy page <https://www.capilanou.ca/about-capu/governance/policies/>)

Emergencies: Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.