



Law Studies 12

Course Outline

Course Overview

Law Studies 12 introduces you to the legal rights and responsibilities, which allow citizens to participate more fully in society. Laws maintain the status quo and but they are also be a force for change. You will examine how laws have changed over time. Canada's laws and legal framework affect many aspects of your daily life. The more you understand about these things the easier it is to navigate through daily events. These skills will be helpful to you throughout life

Course Content and Suggested Timelines

This course consists of four modules: Fundamentals of Law, Criminal Law, Civil Law and Family Law.

Unit 1: Foundations of Law (Suggested Time: 5 weeks)

- Section 1: Law: Definition and Purposes
- Section 2: History, Evolution and Classification of Canadian Law
- Section 3: The Canadian Court System and Alternative
- Section 4: Canada and International Law.

Unit 2: Criminal Law (Suggested Time: 5 weeks)

- Section 1: Criminal Law
- Section 2: Introduction to the Criminal Code of Canada
- Section 3: Powers of Arrest and Arrest Procedures
- Section 4: The Court in Action

Unit 3: Civil Law (Suggested Time: 5 weeks)

- Section 1: Civil Law and the Civil Court System
- Section 2: Nature and the Purpose of Tort Law
- Section 3: The Elements of a Contract
- Section 4: Employment Relationships.

Unit 4 – Rights, Family and Aboriginal Law (Suggested Time: 5 weeks)

- Section 1: Family Law
- Section 2: An Introduction to Wills
- Section 3: The Canadian Constitution and Legislative Process
- Section 4: Aboriginal Law

** The suggested timeline is for students aiming to complete the course in one semester (5 months).
Double the timeframes for two semesters (10 months).

Course Materials

All course materials are made available in the course. There is no textbook

The *Curriculum* for this course is available at:

https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/sites/curriculum.gov.bc.ca/files/curriculum/social-studies/en_social-studies_12_law-studies_elab.pdf

Assessment Information

This course will utilize a combination of assignments, projects and tests for the four units.

- Assignments 30%
- Quizzes 20%
- Unit projects 10%
- Unit tests 20%
- Learning Guides 20%

Exams:

There are 4 unit tests. Before you write a unit exam, you must submit all assignments and complete all quizzes leading up to the exam. All exams are "closed book" and the first two require invigilation, the final two require supervision (parent is fine for supervision). Review the section in the course regarding invigilation.

When students are not meeting the learning outcomes/ falling behind

When students fall behind the expected pace or plan, they will be contacted via email or phone and if there is no improvement or response, parents will also be contacted. If deemed necessary, contact with the student's home school may also occur to help determine a solution.

Students are expected to let the course teacher know when they are struggling with course content. In response, the course teacher will provide appropriate help or strategies to support learning. The course teacher will also provide feedback on course work to support learning and help students improve. Parents will be made aware if their child is actively working but struggling to meet the learning outcomes of the course.

Students falling behind in a manner where it does not appear that they will complete the course within a year will be sent reminder emails. Without a response or renewed efforts in the course, the student may be assigned an F or withdrawn. Should they begin actively working in the course, the student may be given an alternate completion date.

Expectations

- ☐ Adhere to the EBUS Academic Integrity Policy
- ☐ Contact your teacher when help is needed
- ☐ Review feedback from assignments and tests, where applicable
- ☐ Work to complete the course in a timely manner
- ☐ Communicate respectfully
- ☐ Review weekly progress reports

Reporting to Parents:

There are 4 term report cards that can be downloaded from the student dashboard. A notice will go out when these report cards are available.

The teacher will send out regular progress reports showing the student's progress.

Contacting Your Teacher:

Your teacher will be available Monday through Friday during regular school hours. If you are having trouble with any concepts, please contact your teacher right away! You will see your teacher's contact information in the course.

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