

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SECONDARY SCHOOL
CANADIAN LAW (CLU3M)

Credits: One

Date: ACADEMIC YEAR

This course explores Canadian law with a focus on legal issues that are relevant to people's everyday lives. Students will investigate fundamental legal concepts and processes to gain a practical understanding of Canada's legal system, including the criminal justice system. Students will use critical-thinking, inquiry, and communication skills to develop informed opinions on legal issues and apply this knowledge in a variety of ways and settings, including case analysis, legal research projects, mock trials, and debates.

Unit 1: Heritage (chapter 1)

12 hrs

Overall Expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- explain what law is and why societies have laws, and describe the different categories of law;
- analyse the contemporary impact of major historical developments in Canadian law;
- explain the law-making process in Canada, including how laws are developed, interpreted, applied, challenged, and enforced.

Unit 2: Rights and Freedoms (chapter 2-3)

20 hrs

Overall Expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- describe the sources of rights and freedoms in Canada and explain how particular rights and freedoms may conflict;
- describe historical and contemporary barriers to the equal enjoyment of human rights in Canada;
- describe the rights and freedoms enshrined in Canadian law and explain how they are interpreted, how they may be limited, and how they are enforced in Canada and in Ontario.

Unit 3: Criminal Law and Procedures (chapters 4-10)

43 hrs

Overall Expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- explain how a criminal offence is defined in Canada;
- describe the processes, legal institutions, and methods involved in bringing a criminal case to trial and in resolving it;
- analyse the purposes of sentencing, including those relating to alternative methods of imposing sanctions or regulating behaviour;
- explain how the criminal law applies to young people.

Unit 4: Regulation and Dispute Resolution (chapters 11-19)

30 hrs

Overall Expectations

By the end of this course, students will:

- distinguish between private and public law;
- describe the processes, legal institutions, and methods involved in bringing a civil dispute to trial and resolution;
- explain how the law applies to family matters;
- analyse the role of law as it applies to contractual obligations and claims for compensation for personal injury or loss;
- explain the dynamic nature of law, including the way in which it evolves in response to technology and changes in societal values.

Evaluation

The final grade for each course:

- 70% of the grade will be based on assessment and evaluation conducted throughout the course.
- 30% of the grade will be based on a summative evaluation administered towards the end of the course. The summative evaluation may take the form of an examination (up to 20% of the summative evaluation), performance task, essay, and/or other methods of evaluation suitable to the course content.

Guidelines for Missed Evaluations and Academic Fraud:

1. Upon missing a test or presentation, students will be required at the teacher's discretion, either to;
 - a) Complete the test or presentation immediately upon return to school; or
 - b) Make arrangements with the teacher for a make-up; or
 - c) Write the missed test Friday morning at 7:30 a.m. of that week.

Failure to complete it according to the negotiated schedule will result in a mark of zero.

Note: Certain forms of formal summative evaluations (exams, summative project presentations, etc.) are time sensitive. This means they must be completed at and within a specific time. Students must be present for these summative evaluations.

2. If an assignment is late or incomplete, a student will be provided with a second opportunity. Students who are provided with a second opportunity, **shall do so within five school days**. If no evidence is forthcoming after five days, a mark of zero will be assigned.
3. Copied, borrowed or stolen work provides no evidence of learning. Teacher will document and archive the work in question. Students may be allowed to resubmit the assignment. The teacher and administrator will define the parameters for the completion of this task.

Attendance Policy:

- You are responsible for catching up on class notes and completing any assignments for which you were absent
- Your parents are required to notify the office when you are absent
- **All missed course summative performance tasks must be excused with a doctor's certificate**

General Course Information:

Textbook: All About Law (\$94.95)