**Grade 12 Canadian Law (LAW40S) Course Description**

The Grade 12 Canadian Law course will familiarize students with the basic elements of law and allow them to gain an understanding of how Canadian laws are interpreted and applied within our society.

Studying law gives students the opportunity to acquire knowledge and competencies that will help them throughout their lives as responsible citizens.

**Course Modules:**

Below is a breakdown of the course topics:

**Module 1: Foundations of Law**

Definition of law, historical roots of law, influences on Canadian law, law in a changing society, classification of various types of law, jurisdiction and powers of the different levels government, and roles and responsibilities within the judiciary system.

**Module 2: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedom**

History and evolution of rights in Canada, impact of the Charter on Canadian society, limitations to rights and freedoms, influence of the Charter on Indigenous rights.

**Module 3: Criminal Law**

Define criminal law and its purposes, elements of a criminal offence, crimes against people, crimes against property, steps of an investigation and arrest, common defences for the accused, structure and roles within the criminal court system, goals of sentencing, Youth Criminal Justice Act, restorative justice, overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the criminal system.

**Module 4: Civil Law**

Define civil law and its purposes, differentiate civil and criminal law, civil law procedures, compensation and injunctions, alternative dispute resolutions, intentional and non-intentional torts, main elements of a contract.

**Module 5: Family Law**

Definition of a family and family law, legal requirements of marriage, common law relationships, separation, and divorce, rights and responsibilities of parents and guardians, custodial issues of children

**Evaluation:**

There are approximately 8 assignments and 5 tests.

* Assignments – 40%
* Tests – 50%
* Final Exam – 10%

**Class Schedule:**

Due dates for assignments and tests are pre-scheduled to help students stay on track with the timing of the course. To stay on pace with the course, students can expect to spend about 1 hour each day learning the course content, and working through assignments and tests.

Each Module consists of multiple lessons that cover the content of the course. Lessons consist of content information and explanations, learning activities and practice exercises.

As students work through the course, they are encouraged to email their teacher if they have questions about any of the content or practice questions.

**Required Materials:**

Students will need the following:

* Computer with working camera/microphone
* Pen/Pencil
* Eraser
* Paper