Student Registration Information 2014 – 2015

Years 2 & 3

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REGISTRATION MATERIALS

It is very important that you review the Registration Documents listed at the Faculty of Law Website <u>immediately prior to registering</u> for the 2014-2015 Academic Year in order for you to have the most current information.

Summer Session 2014S:

http://www.law.ubc.ca/2014-summer-jd-courses-current-students Summer Session 2014 course listing, syllabi, timetable and exam information is currently available.

Winter Session 2014W (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015):

http://www.law.ubc.ca/2014-2015-course-timetables-exams Winter Session 2014 information will be available in May.

At this website you can view Winter Session (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Term) courses, course timetables, and examination dates.

At the Winter Session website you can view the following:

·Registration Guide

Provides an on-line copy of this Student Registration Information Guide.

Upper Year Course Descriptions

Lists all offerings. Includes instructor details and a brief description of the course including the method of evaluation and any prerequisites.

·Course Listing and Scheduling Details (FALL)

Scheduling details for the Fall term such as day and time, as well as credit value, instructor and type of course.

·Course Listing and Scheduling Details (SPRING)

Scheduling details for the Spring term such as day and time, as well as credit value, instructor and type of course.

·Overall Timetable (FALL)

The entire Fall timetable at a glance.

·Overall Timetable (SPRING)

The entire Spring timetable at a glance.

·Computerized Exams

Policies, procedure, and frequently asked questions.

·Examination Schedule (FALL)

Lists dates and times for all Fall term Law examinations. When selecting your courses, you must ensure that they do not conflict on the examination schedule.

·Examination Schedule (SPRING)

Lists dates and times for all Spring term and full-year Law examinations. When selecting your courses, you must ensure that they do not conflict on the examination schedule.

·Changes to Schedule

Lists changes to schedules, new courses and course cancellations. Consult this document regularly, particularly before registering.

Note: all documents are in PDF format.

HOW AND WHEN TO REGISTER

1. Familiarize yourself with the UBC Student Service Centre website:

http://www.students.ubc.ca/ssc

Click "Login." You will need to use your UBC campus-wide login name (CWL) and password.

- 2. Under the "Personal Information" menu, update your e-mail address on the "Contacts Summary" page. This is important as all registration notifications and updates will be sent to the e-mail address you registered with the university.
- **3.** You must make a \$100 deposit to activate your registration privileges. Under the "Finance" menu, click on "Pay Fees" for details.
- 4. To register, under the "Registration" menu, click on "Registration." Choose the appropriate session (e.g. 2014S, 2014W) and then "Add/Drop Courses" to register for one course at a time, or follow the instructions for creating one or more worklists of multiple courses for registration by clicking on "My Worklists" under the "Tools" menu on the left side of the screen.

You should register according to the dates and times in the table below; your registration time is not dependent on your average.

2014 SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES:

March 10, 10:00 a.m.: Registration open to current Year 2 and 3 only Registration open to current Years 1, 2, 3 on-going

2014 WINTER SESSION REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES:

Program Year	Access Date	Access Time	Closing Date	Closing Time	Maximum Number of Credits that May be Selected
3	July 7	10:00 a.m.	July 8	4:00 p.m.	18
	July 11	10:00 a.m.	Ongoing		34
2	July 9	10:00 a.m.	July 10	4:00 p.m.	18
	July 11	10:00 a.m.	Ongoing		34

Law exchange students may begin registering themselves on July 11. Visiting law students will register with their year according to their letter of admission.

Third-year students should add their preferred and required courses (for both terms 1 and 2) during the first access period (i.e. July 7-8). They can then complete their schedules during the second period (July 11 and on) when the credit limit is increased to 34.

If you experience technical difficulties while registering, contact the Enrolment Services help desk at: 604.822.2844

RULES AND GUIDELINES

- 1. Students are responsible for ensuring that they comply with all relevant rules pertaining to registration, course selection, course changes, and maximum/minimum credit requirements.
- 2. In cases where a discrepancy exists between these documents and registration material available through the Student Services Centre website, these documents govern.
- 3. **Summer Session (2014S):** The deadline for Term 1 course changes **is May 16**, **2014** and for Term 2 courses is **June 27**, **2014**.

Winter Session (2014W): The deadline for Fall (Term 1) course changes is Tuesday, September 16, 2014, for Full-year courses is Friday, September 19, 2014, and for Spring (Term 2) courses is Monday, January, 19, 2015. Withdrawal from courses AFTER these dates will result in a "W" on the student's academic record.

Please note: Course changes include adding and dropping courses as well as switching sections.

4. Students must not register in course sections scheduled at the same time, in whole or in part. Should it become necessary to reschedule any of the course sections, students will be responsible for ensuring that their final timetable is conflict-free. Notwithstanding course registration, credit will not be granted for courses that conflict.

Exception: Students are allowed to register in intensive courses that conflict with other Law courses. Intensive courses are noted in the Course Listings at the Faculty of Law website and in the notes for each intensive course on the Student Service Centre website.

5. Full-Time Studies

Students pursuing full-time studies must complete a **minimum of 60 credits** in total over their 2nd and 3rd years of study to obtain the 92 credits required to graduate.

Students may not enroll in more than 34 credits per year (18 credits per term). In exceptional circumstances, permission to exceed the credit maximum may be granted by the Assistant Dean, Students.

A full-time course load is 15 credits per term and 30 credits per year. Students do not need to take exactly 15 credits per term to maintain full-time status; students should ensure they enroll in a minimum of 6 credits in Year 2 and Year 3.

6. Part-Time Studies

Students wishing to complete their law degree on a part-time basis must request permission to do so from the Assistant Dean, Students.

Part-time students must take a minimum of 6 credits per term and 15 credits per year.

7. Loan, Bursary and Award Eligibility
Summer Session (2014S): Information about summer session loan eligibility is available on the Summer Program registration page: http://www.law.ubc.ca/2014-summer-jd-courses-current-students.

Winter Session (2014W): To maintain eligibility for student loans and bursaries, students must enroll in 60% of a full-time course load (or 9 credits per term). Further information about loan eligibility is available online on the Enrolment Services website:

http://www.students.ubc.ca/finance/student-loans/bc-students/course-load-quide/

To maintain eligibility for awards, students must enroll in a minimum of 27 credits in the Winter session.

8. Prerequisites

A student may not enroll in a course for which another subject is a prerequisite unless the required course was taken and passed earlier. In special circumstances, the faculty member teaching the subject may waive this stipulation.

9. Wait Lists and Force Forms

If a course list is full, the professor may or may not keep a waitlist. If a professor is keeping a waitlist, it will be noted on the course at the Student Service Centre website. If you wish to ask a professor to allow you to be registered into a course that is full, you should e-mail the professor to request to be put on a wait list for the course; alternatively, you can ask the professor to sign a Permission to Force Student Registration into a Fully Subscribed Course Form (Force Form). All forms can be found at www.law.ubc.ca. Hardcopies can also be found in the Student Services Waiting Area, room 148, and can be put in the lockbox in that location when completed.

If no waitlist is being kept, students should monitor the SSC regularly to see if a space opens in the course.

NO WAITLISTS WILL BE KEPT FOR SUMMER COURSES!

10. Registering for Courses having the Same Course Number

If you attempt to register in a course that has the same numeric code (but different course content) as another course or in which you previously registered, such as 343C.001 and 343B.001, you will need to be registered into a Directed Research course number for one of the courses. For technical reasons, we cannot register you in the same course number more than once. In this case, please contact Veronica Uy and she will attempt to save a seat for you in the course during your registration date and time and will later register you in a Directed Research if she is able to save a seat for you.)

SPECIAL PERMISSION COURSES

Students cannot register themselves into these courses, but are registered into them by Student Academic Services Staff.

DIRECTED RESEARCH: LAW 493-496

Directed research courses offer J.D. students an opportunity to do extensive research and writing on a topic of their choice under the supervision of a UBC Law professor. Directed Research may not be supervised by adjunct faculty or emeritus faculty unless approved by the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, and only in exceptional circumstances where there is no appropriate regular faculty member able to supervise.

J.D. students may enroll in directed research courses of 2, 3, or 4 credits. In order to register, the student must complete a Directed Research form (available electronically at http://www.law.ubc.ca/forms, or in hardcopy in the Student Services waiting area in room 148), have it signed by the supervising professor, and put it in the lockbox in the Student Services Waiting in room 148.

The Faculty of Law will apply no more than 8 directed research credits towards the J.D. degree requirements.

The supervising faculty member will set the requirements for the course, in consultation with the student before accepting the supervision. For the guidance of students and faculty members, the general expectations of directed study courses are:

- that the student and supervising faculty member will meet twice a month;
- that the student will provide the supervising faculty member with an outline, and draft of the research paper at appropriate intervals;
- that the supervising faculty member will provide appropriate feedback; and
- that the final paper will be approximately 2500 words/credit (excluding bibliography).

Faculty members are not obliged to take on directed research students.

CLINICS

Students selected to participate in clinics will be registered in them by Academic Services staff.

For information about clinics, see

http://www.lslap.bc.ca/main/ and

http://www.law.ubc.ca/clinical-and-externship-programs

COMPETITIVE MOOT PROGRAMMES

Students will be selected in May for 2014/15. The Director, Student Academic Services, will oversee registration; students cannot register themselves. However, students should factor in their moot credits when planning and registering for other courses (see http://www.law.ubc.ca/competitive-moot-program).

Credit for participation will be given by way of the following courses:

LAW 483C Competitive Moots Advocacy Credit A (5 credits – 3 in term 1, 2 in term 2):

Gale Moot
Jessup International Moot
Laskin Moot
U.B.C./U.Vic. Moot
Wilson Moot
Kawaskimhon Moot

Dinsdale and Clark Canadian Labour Arbitration Competition Donald Bowman Tax Moot

LAW 483A Oxford Intellectual Property Moot (2 in term 1, 1 in term 2)

LAW 483B Environmental Law Moot (4 credits across year – 2 in term 1, 2 in term 2)

LAW 475A Competitive Trial Advocacy Credit (2 credits across year – 1 per term): Peter Burns Moot

LAW 475C Competitive Trial Advocacy Credit (4 credits across year- 2 in term 1, 2 in term 2): Western Canada Moot (MacIntyre Cup)

COURSE SELECTION – COMPULSORY COURSES

J.D. CURRICULUM DIAGRAM – PROGRAM ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2012 OR LATER

J.D. 1ST YEAR CURRICULUM

ALL 1ST YEAR COURSES ARE REQUIRED

LAW 201 Canadian Constitutional Law (6 credits) - formerly LAW 100

LAW 211 Contracts (5 credits) - formerly LAW 110

LAW 221 Criminal Law & Procedure (5 credits) - formerly LAW 221

LAW 231 Property Law (5 credits) - formerly LAW 130

LAW 241 Torts (5 credits) - formerly LAW 140

LAW 251 Public Law (2 credits) - formerly LAW 160

LAW 261 Transnational Law (2 credits) - formerly LAW 150

LAW 281 Legal Research & Writing (2 credits) - formerly LAW 180

= 32 Credits

J.D. 2ND AND 3RD YEAR CURRICULUM

REQUIRED COURSES

All of the first-year courses are compulsory. In the upper years, students must take four compulsory courses:

- LAW 372 Administrative Law (4 credits) formerly LAW 210
- LAW 459 Business Organizations (4 credits) formerly LAW 230
- LAW 300 Jurisprudence and Critical Perspectives (3 credits) formerly LAW 290
- LAW 468 Ethics and Professionalism (3 credits)

In addition, a student must undertake a 3 credit Seminar or Directed Research. (A 3 or 4 credit seminar or directed research taken prior to the 2014-15 academic year fulfills this requirement.)

ELECTIVES

May include a maximum of 6 credits of courses outside of Law at UBC (with permission of the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs).

Not calculated in Average but credits given:

Maximum of 30 credits as Exchange Student in non-Canadian Institution. Maximum of 1 year (no credit max) in another Canadian Law School.

REQUIRED + ELECTIVE 2nd AND 3rd YEAR COURSES = minimum of 60 Credits

18 Law Credit Max per Term

34 Law Credit Max per Session

TO GRADUATE

92 Credits Minimum (60 UBC Credits for transfer students) 103 Credits Maximum

Minimum 55% Grade Average per year

Minimum 50% Grade in each required course.

Students can complete multiple requirements simultaneously if one course meets more than one requirement.

THE 3 CREDIT SEMINAR OR DIRECTED RESEARCH (Effective Summer 2014, all UBC Law seminars are 3 credits. Therefore, the former requirement to complete a 4 credit seminar is replaced by the new requirement to complete a 3 credit seminar. Students who took a 3 or 4 credit seminar or directed research prior to the 2014-15 academic year have fulfilled this requirement.

All students must undertake, in either the second or third year, at least one independent research project and submit a substantial paper (or series of papers) embodying the results of this research. In order to satisfy this requirement, students must take either a 3 credit seminar taught by a faculty member or adjunct instructor or 3 credit directed research supervised by a faculty member during second or third year.

The list of 3 credit seminar courses varies based on the available course offerings in a given year. Please refer to the Upper Year Course listings at Faculty of Law website. Since there are a limited number of seminar spaces available, students in third-year who have not yet fulfilled this requirement should register in a 3 credit seminar before other courses.

NEITHER A WORKSHOP PAPER, THE CLINICAL TERM (INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC) PAPER, NOR THE EXTERNSHIP REFLECTION (JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP) DIARY SATISFIES THIS REQUIREMENT. IN ADDITION, LAW 430C ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH DOES NOT MEET THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT.

CONCENTRATIONS AND SPECIALIZATIONS

Students have the opportunity to complete a specialization or concentration as part of their degree. For information about each program, students should contact the responsible faculty or staff member as set out below.

Business Law Concentration – Chiara Woods, Executive Director of the National Centre for Business Law, woods@law.ubc.ca

Specialization in Environmental Law - TBA

Specialization in Law and Social Justice - TBA

Specialization in Aboriginal Law – Dana-Lyn Mackenzie, Associate Director, Indigenous Legal Studies

The Assistant Dean, Students, is also available to discuss specializations and concentrations generally with students.

COURSE SELECTION – OPTIONAL COURSES

TIMETABLING CONSIDERATIONS

The Faculty has one of the widest ranges of upper year courses of any law school in Canada. This means that some timetabling conflict between courses is inevitable. Every effort is made to keep such conflict to a minimum.

THE ORDER IN WHICH COURSES SHOULD BE TAKEN

When planning your course selections for second or third year, please bear in mind the following points:

- 1. Courses that are a prerequisite to other courses must be taken before those other courses. This will, to some extent, determine your allocation of courses as between second and third year, and also as between Fall and Spring.
- 2. Even where it is not a prerequisite, you should try to take basic courses before more specialized courses in the same area. Thus it makes sense to take Administrative Law before Municipal Law, Trusts before Succession, and so forth.
- 3. As between second and third year, you should generally try to take basic courses, on which other courses follow, in second year, if you want to keep open the option of taking the more advanced courses in third year.

CONSIDERATIONS IN CHOOSING SUBJECT MATTER

Probably the best general approach to choosing your upper year courses is to try for a balanced program in terms of subject matter, intellectual approach, and degree of specialization.

As far as your choice of subject matter is concerned, you will obviously have your eventual career options in mind, but some caveats are in order. One is not to think of your career options too narrowly. Private practice, or Crown counsel, or government service, or some other legal career may be your current aim, but there are many other possible careers for law graduates. Another caveat is not to assume that your interests will never change. And a third is to remember how unpredictable the turns in a career path can be. Graduates have often ended up practising or employed in areas of law that, when they were in law school, they never expected to become involved with. Or they have expected to spend careers in private practice but, after articling or some time in practice, turned instead to public service practice, government, education, mediation, house counsel work, business management, or other career paths. For all these reasons, gearing your program too much to one career plan may be something of a disadvantage if you later want to move in another direction.

Courses vary in their intellectual approach to law. For instance, there are doctrinal courses, theoretical examinations of particular areas of law, clinical or practice skills courses, and courses examining the philosophical foundations of law itself. Many courses are a combination of approaches. Each approach can contribute to your insight into law, the legal system, and the relationship between law and other aspects of knowledge and of life. It is wise not to assume that any particular approach is the most interesting, the most "practical", or whatever. The best program is usually one that exposes you to the full range of ways in which law can be studied and understood. Choose courses - and instructors - on the basis of what, for you, looks as if it will be the most stimulating and fully rounded academic experience.

Some degree of specialization in your courses usually adds depth and interest to your package, but it is generally advisable to have a good range of the broader courses as well. There are practical advantages to this, as just discussed. And, usually, the person with a broad exposure to different aspects of law has a better sense of the intellectual framework of law as a whole.

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL TRAINING COURSE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Law Society of British Columbia has asked us to draw the following to your attention:

DO YOU PLAN TO PRACTISE LAW IN BRITISH COLUMBIA?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LAW STUDENTS FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF BRITH COLUMBIA

To successfully complete the Law Society's Admission Program, you will need to acquire knowledge of the law in the eight core practice areas upon which you will be examined, and which are the foundation for the practice, procedure and skills instruction and assessment in the Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC).

Law school is the first step for prospective lawyers in British Columbia. The second step is successful completion of the Law Society's Admission Program, comprising ten weeks of PLTC, including two qualification examinations and four skills assessments, and nine months of articles.

During PLTC students will be examined on professional responsibility, practice management, lawyering skills, and the law, practice and procedure in eight core areas of practice.

LAWYERING SKILLS

- Writing
- Drafting
- Interviewing
- Advocacy
- Legal Research
- Negotiation and Mediation
- Problem Solving

PRACTICE AREAS

- Civil Procedure
- Commercial Practice
- Corporate Practice
- Creditors' Remedies (including Builders' Liens)
- Criminal Procedure
- Family Practice
- Real Estate
- Wills

Teaching during PLTC focuses on lawyering skills, professional responsibility, law office management, and practice and procedure in the eight core practice areas. There is little basic instruction in the law during PLTC's ten weeks. It is therefore the responsibility of each student who wishes to be licensed to practice law in British Columbia to learn the law in these areas either during law school or through self-study.

The PLTC *Practice Material* is a valuable resource for students in the Admission Program. It contains summaries of practice and procedure in the eight core practice areas, and forms the knowledge basis for the examinations. Students should decide whether to take courses in these subject areas during their law school studies or expect to educate themselves after law school graduation in these subject areas.

This information is being provided to law school students to communicate, at an early stage in the legal education process, the Law Society of British Columbia's requirements for the successful completion of the Admission Program and entry into the practice of law in British Columbia.

For further information please see www.lawsociety.bc.ca (Becoming a Lawyer in BC > Students > Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC)). If you have any questions, please contact:

Lynn Burns Deputy Director Professional Legal Training Course Law Society of British Columbia 800 – 845 Cambie Street Vancouver, BC V6B 4Z9

604-697-5808 / 1-800-903-5300 (toll-free in BC) lburns@lsbc.org

QUALIFICATION IN OTHER PROVINCES

If you are considering qualification as a lawyer in another province, you should be aware that some Law Societies (such as Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island) have lists of required courses. Students are encouraged to check the rules and policies of the province(s) in which they may wish to be qualified, including any which may affect selection of courses.

ADVICE FROM FACULTY OF LAW MEMBERS

ASSISTANT DEAN, STUDENTS

Kaila Mikkelsen, Assistant Dean, Students, welcomes the opportunity to meet with you and provide guidance about your course selection and degree requirements. Please contact Kaila at mikkelsen@law.ubc.ca or (604) 822-6350 to schedule an advising appointment.

FACULTY

You are encouraged to seek the advice of Faculty members if you have any questions about your selection of courses. If you wish to contact a Faculty member for advice, refer to the Law website (www.law.ubc.ca). Contact information for individual faculty members may be found under "About Us" / "Faculty Directories".

NON-LAW COURSES

Second- and third-year Law students may take courses in other Departments and Schools of the University during the Winter Session and Summer Session (including the Summer Session between First Year Law and Second Year Law, and between Second and Third year) for credit towards their J.D. degree. The "outside" courses may be credited to a MAXIMUM of 6 credits toward the Second or Third Year requirements. The marks obtained in non-law courses are not included in calculating the student's average.

Each student must receive **advance permission** to register in such courses. Applications should be submitted to the Assistant Dean, Students, attaching a letter addressed to the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, c/o Faculty of Law as soon as possible for Summer Session courses and **two weeks prior to the beginning of term**, for Winter Session courses. Students should first check with the Faculty or Department concerned to ensure that they will be permitted to enroll in the course.

The guidelines for non-law courses are:

- (a) The Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, must be satisfied that the proposed course, taken in combination with the student's course of study within the Faculty, will contribute substantially to the student's understanding of the law and legal problems.
- (b) Courses that relate to the study of law only by providing general perspectives on individual, social or commercial problems, or by providing knowledge that is not law-related but may prove useful in the practice of law, are not within the scope of the non-law option.

Students wishing to take non-law courses for credit towards their J.D. must provide the Associate Dean with:

- I. A course description
- II. A letter explaining how the course satisfies the Faculty guidelines.

MISCELLANEOUS

TUITION

A non-refundable deposit of \$100 must be paid prior to registration. Failure to submit the deposit will result in a "hold" on registration privileges and a late fee. The deposit will be applied to the student's tuition fees and must be paid in full, regardless of any loans or scholarships that may be forthcoming. For more information on tuition, including methods of payment, consult the UBC Student Services website (www.students.ubc.ca).

COURSE MATERIALS

Students are advised to defer the purchase of course materials such as texts or casebooks until they have met with their instructor (i.e. after the first class).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Students are strongly encouraged to update their address (both mailing and e-mail) on the Student Service Centre website. Instructors use e-mail to advise students of assignments, class cancellations, guest speakers, etc. Almost all communication from the Faculty of Law Student Services staff to students, regarding registration, exams, grades, and advancement, is through e-mail.

TRANSCRIPTS

Pre-law transcripts are often needed for application purposes such as summer and articling positions. Students are advised to obtain official copies of their undergraduate (or pre-Law) transcripts from their pre-law institutions before resuming their Law studies in the fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2014-15

See the UBC Academic Calendar at http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/.

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