**Law 12 Course Syllabus**

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Law 12 fosters skills and attitudes that enhance students’ abilities to address legal, social, and ethical issues, and reflect critically on the role of law in society. The study of law also promotes the skills and abilities needed to clearly express ideas, argue effectively and logically, and accurately interpret the written word.

**Student Expectations**

Students are expected to attend class on a regular basis (and on time) as most material is thoroughly discussed, leading to a conducive learning environment. Students are expected to arrive at class prepared, with assignments handed in at the appropriate times, so they are able to on course with the class.

\*\*Phones/ipods/etc. need to be away unless being utilized for academic purposes. Phones will be taken away and parents will be contacted if they disrupt the learning environment.

**Objectives**

1. Assess and compare the significance and impact of legal systems and codes
2. Assess the justification for differing legal perspectives after investigating points of contention, reliability of sources, and adequacy of evidence
3. Analyze continuities and changes in legal systems and thought during different time periods and across jurisdictions
4. Assess the development and impact of legal systems and ideas of justice
5. Explain different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, and events by considering prevailing norms, values, worldviews, and beliefs
6. Recognize implicit and explicit ethical judgments in a variety of sources
7. Make reasoned ethical judgments about controversial decisions, legislation, or policy

**Schedule**

Foundations and History of Law (August 22– August 31)

(Foundations of Law, Charter of Rights and Freedoms)

Criminal Law (September 4 – October 26)

(First Peoples legislation, Children and Youth legislation, Federal/Provincial court structure and power, Correctional system)

Civil Law (October 29 – November 30)

(Global dispute resolution agencies)

Family Law (December 3 – December 20)

(Children and Youth legislation)

Review (Jan.7 – Jan. 10)

**Evaluation**

Assignments 50%

Tests/Quizzes 30%

Final Exam 20%

**Materials**

All About Law: Exploring the Canadian Legal System

Assorted internet articles

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