Carleton University

Department of Law

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2005 V - Public Law

PREREQUISITES: Either LAWS 1000 or PSCI 1000, or the combination of PSCI 1001 and PSCI

1002, or second year status or higher in the Bachelor of Public Affairs and

Policy Management Program

TERM: Summer 2009

RE-BROADCAST: Day & Time: Monday and Thursday 2:00p.m. – 4:30p.m.

ROOM: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

INSTRUCTOR: Bahaa I. Sunallah

CONTACT: Office: Contract Instructor's Office

Room: C476 LA (Loeb Building)

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"Students with documented disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities include physical, mental, and learning disabilities, mental disorders, hearing or vision disabilities, epilepsy, drug and alcohol dependencies, environmental sensitivities, as well as other conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC at 613-520-6608, early each term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to the Paul Menton Centre as soon as possible." Also available at http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/faculty/acom_statement.html. For Religious and Pregnancy accommodations, please contact Equity Services, 613-520-2600 x. 5622 or their website: www.carleton.ca/equity

1. OBJECT AND SCOPE

This course will study public law as it relates to 1) the state and its relationship to other legal persons; 2) basic principles of constitutional law, administrative law and selected areas; 3) special features and problems of public law; 4) implications of the expanded new role of modern governments; and 5) legal and alternative processes.

In the first term we look at law and the role of the state, examining the Constitution, with an emphasis on the federal system, its interpretation, change, and reform. In the second term, the focus of the course will change to consider the theories of the state, administrative law, and basic rights including the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

2. CLASS FORMAT

Lectures 6 hours per week.

3. READINGS

(a) Required readings

The two LAWS 2005 sourcebooks described below; class emails (ensure that you can be reached at your email address @connect.carleton.ca); class handouts made available at WebCT; and as assigned. (The sourcebooks are available at Carleton Bookstore; earlier editions are outdated.)

<u>First term</u>: the LAWS 2005 first term Sourcebook: D.W. Elliott, *Introduction to Public Law: Sourcebook*, 7th ed., (North York, Captus Press, 2007); and

<u>Second term</u>: the LAWS 2005 second term Sourcebook: D.W. Elliott, *Introduction to Public Law: Readings on the State, the Administrative Process, and Basic Values*, 6th ed., (North York, Captus Press, 2007).

(b) Optional Readings

Please note that these optional readings do NOT need to be purchased.

- 1) LAWS 2005 Reserved Readings (under LAWS 2005A, David Elliott), main Library;
- 2) Bibliography of Sourcebook, footnote and endnote readings of both sourcebooks;
- 3) Hogg, Peter W., Constitutional Law of Canada, 2008 Student Edition. (Scarborough: Carswell, 2008);
- 4) Monahan, Patrick J., *Constitutional Law*, 3rd ed. (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2006); and
- 5) Other optional readings available at the Carleton Bookstore (under LAWS 2005A, David Elliott).

4. EVALUATION

The evaluation scheme is designed to provide a balanced assessment covering various skills and abilities of each student. The exams' format will include one or more essay(s), short answers/definitions, and/or multiple choice questions.

| First Term Midterm | 20% |
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| Friday June 12th, 2009 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | |
| First Term Examination | 30% |
| June/July 2009, formally scheduled, first term's work | |
| Final Examination | 50% |

August 2009, formally scheduled, second term's work

Please refer to the Undergraduate Calendar 2008/2009, section 2.0 "Course Evaluation" for information about course evaluation and in particular see section 2.5 "Deferred Final Examination".

Section 2.5 b), at page 41 of the Undergraduate Calendar, reads in part:

^{*} A note about evaluation and deferred FINAL examination:

2.5 Deferred Final Examinations

"...The granting of a deferral also requires that the student has performed satisfactorily in the course according to the evaluation scheme established in the Course Outline, excluding the final examination for which deferral privileges are requested. Reasons for denial of a deferral may include, among other conditions, a failure to (i) achieve a minimum score in the course before the final examination; (ii) attend a minimum number of classes; (iii) successfully complete a specific task (e.g. term paper, critical report, group project, computer or other assignment); (iv) complete laboratory work; (v) successfully complete one or more midterms; or (vi) meet other reasonable conditions of successful performance..."

6. CLASS SCHEDULE

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The class topics correspond to the Table of Contents of each of the two LAWS 2005 sourcebooks. The readings are to be read before the relevant class. The number at the left side (F1, F2, etc.) indicates the CUTV week of the course in the relevant term and the following number (S1, S2, etc.) reflect the number of class in the Summer term. "Ch." indicates the corresponding chapter number of the required readings in the relevant (first term or second term) sourcebook. Please note that some of the readings may be omitted and these will be announced, in advance, in the lectures and/or WebCT and/or your email address @connect.carleton.ca.

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| First Term: | | _ | | CAST DURING MAY 24 WEEK | | |
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| F1. | S 1 | MAY | 11 | Elements of Public Law | Ch. 1 | |
| F2. | S2 | MAY | 14 | Elements of the Constitution | Ch. 2 | |
| F3. | S 3 | MAY | 18 | Origins and Structure of the Constitution Act, 1867 | Ch. 3 | |
| F4. | S4 | MAY | 21 | The Judiciary | Ch. 4 | |
| F5. | S5 | JUN | 01 | The JCPC and Early Federalism | Ch. 5 | |
| F6. | S 6 | JUN | 04 | The JCPC and Early Federalism (Cont'd) / Review | Ch. 5 | |
| F7. | S 7 | JUN | 08 | SCC: POGG and Trade and Commerce | Ch. 6 | |
| F8. | S 8 | JUN | 11 | SCC: POGG and Trade and Commerce (Cont'd) | Ch. 6 | |
| | | | | MIDTERM EXAM Friday June 12 th , 2009 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | | |
| F9. | S 9 | JUN | 15 | Overlap and Cooperative Federalism The Legislative and Executive Branches | Ch. 7 Ch. 8 | |
| F10. | S10 | JUN | 18 | Origins and Structure of the <i>Constitution Act</i> , 1982 | Ch. 9 | |
| F11. | S11 | JUN | 22 | Specific Aspects of the Constitution Act, 1982 | Ch. 10 | |
| | ~ | | | Formal and Informal Constitutional Changes | Ch. 11 | |
| F12. | S12 | JUN | 25 | Secession, Unity, and the Future / Review | Ch. 12 | |
| Second Term: * NO BROADCAST ON HOLIDAY MONDAY AUGUST 3 | | | | | | |
| W1. | S13 | JUL | 06 | Law, State, and Social Goals and Techniques | Ch. 1 | |
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| W2. | S14 | JUL | 09 | Non-Judicial and Judicial Control | Ch. 3 |
| W3. | S15 | JUL | 13 | Judicial Review and Procedural Control | Ch. 4 |
| W4. | S16 | JUL | 16 | Substantive Review | Ch. 5 |
| W5. | S17 | JUL | 20 | Substantive Review (Continued) | Ch. 5 |
| | | | | Theory, Problems, and Reform | Ch. 6 |
| W6. | S18 | JUL | 23 | Basic Values and Their Protection | Ch. 7 |
| W7. | S19 | JUL | 27 | Scope and Interpretation of the <i>Charter</i> | Ch. 8 |
| W8. | S20 | JUL | 30 | Fundamental Freedoms & Fundamental Justice | Ch. 9 |
| W9. | S21 | AUG | 06 | Fundamental Freedoms & Fundamental Justice (Cont'd |) Ch. 9 |
| | | | | Equality | Ch. 10 |
| W10. | S22 | AUG | 10 | Equality (Cont'd) | Ch. 10 |
| W11. | S23 | AUG | 13 | Group Rights | Ch. 11 |
| | | | | Public International Law | Ch. 12 |
| W12. | S24 | AUG | 17 | Review | |

7. DEPARTMENTAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

For further instructions as to prerequisites, assignments, and grading, etc., see Department of Law, *Policy and Procedure Statement* attached to this outline and the relevant pages of the Undergraduate Calendar.