

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2501T – Law, State and Constitution

TERM: Summer 2011

PREREQUISITES: 1.0 credit from: LAWS 1000 [1.0], PAPM 1000 [1.0], PSCI 1000 [1.0], PSCI 1001, PSCI 1002

BROADCAST: Day & Time: Monday & Thursday 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Law, State and Constitution will examine the law relating to the state, and the Constitution of Canada, with a focus on the historical framework, federalism, and constitutional reform. We will examine the role of the state and review the Constitution with an emphasis on the federal system, its interpretation, change, and reform. Among other things, we will look closely at the text of the Constitution, the social forces responsible for its creation, and several early legal decisions responsible for its initial application. As well, we will review more recent Supreme Court cases concerning key areas of the Constitution in order to understand how that document has evolved as Canada has matured as a nation. This class will be delivered on the basis of interactive lectures. Students will be expected to regularly attend classes; attempt to answer questions put to them and discuss the topics under consideration in a respectful and courteous manner. Students should read the assigned materials before attending the relevant class as the readings will serve as a departure point for the topics discussed each lecture.

REQUIRED TEXTS

David W. Elliott, ed., **Introduction to Public Law: Sourcebook**, 7th ed. (North York: Captus Press, 2007) – please note earlier editions are outdated.

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

The following are suggested sources of optional readings which might further your understanding of this course. Note none of these books needs to be purchased for this course:

- Cairns, A., *Citizens Plus* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000)
 Cheffins, Ronald I. and Patricia A. Johnson, *The Revised Canadian Constitution: Politics as Law* (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1986)
 Flanagan, T., *First Nations? Second Thoughts* (Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2000)
 Gibbins, Roger, *Conflict and Unity*, 3rd ed. (Scarborough: Nelson Canada, 1994) Hogg, Peter W., *Constitutional Law of Canada*, Student ed. (Scarborough: Carswell, 2000)
 Jackson, Robert J. and Doreen Jackson, *Politics in Canada: Culture, Institutions, Behaviour and Public Policy*, 4th ed. (Scarborough: Prentice Hall Allyn and Bacon Canada, 1998)
 Reesor, Bayard, *The Canadian Constitution in Historical Perspective* (Scarborough: Prentice Hall, 1992)
 Russell, P.H. et al., *Federalism and the Charter: Leading Constitutional Decisions* (Ottawa: Carleton U.P., 1989, any recent reprints)
 Whittington, Michael S. and Richard J. Van Loon, *Canadian Government and Politics: Institutions and Processes* (Toronto: McGraw-Hill Ryerson, 1996)

EVALUATION

(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

- (a) Essay 50% (due on or before June 20, 2011 topics to be announced in class)
 (b) Final Exam 50% (June 2011, formally scheduled - 3 hours in length, closed book, format will include multiple choice questions.)

SCHEDULE

The topics generally correspond to the headings in the Table of Contents at the beginning of each of the required text. The assigned readings are to be read before the relevant class. The number at the left side of the outline below indicates the Monday of each week of the course in the relevant term and "Ch." indicates the corresponding chapter(s) of the required reading to be completed prior to the lecture delivered each week.

1. May 09	Introduction	No Reading
2. May 12	Law and Public Law	Ch. 1
3. May 16	The Constitution	Ch. 2 & Ch. 8
4. May 19	The Constitution Act 1867	Ch. 3
5. May 26	The Judiciary	Ch. 4
6. May 30	Early Key Decisions	Ch. 5 & Ch. 6
7. June 02	POGG, Trade & Commerce, and other Powers: Modern Era	Ch. 7
8. June 06	Constitution Act, 1982 and After	Ch. 9
9. June 09	Constitution Act 1982, Specific Aspects	Ch. 10
10. June 13	Formal & Informal Constitutional Changes	Ch. 11
11. June 16	Secession, Unity, and the Future	Ch. 12
12. June 20	Review & Recap *Please note: Essay due June 20, 2011	

DEPARTMENTAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE: For further instructions regarding prerequisites, assignments, and grading, etc., please consult the Department of Law's Policy and Procedure Statement and the relevant pages of the Undergraduate Calendar.