
Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3006A - Mediation
TERM:	Fall 2015
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000 and one of LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004, LAWS 2005 or BUSI 2601
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesday – 18:05-20:55
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Over the past three decades, the mediation process has been applied to resolve many types of conflicts and disputes. It has been developed and adapted in a variety of situations and contexts where it has proven to have a number of advantages over the more formal, traditional procedures in those areas. This course examines mediation from a multidisciplinary perspective, exploring how theories of communication, social psychology, sociology, political science, business management and legal studies can contribute to our understanding of mediation and its practice. Topics to be covered include mediation and alternative methods of dispute resolution, conflict and mediation theory and the application of mediation to a variety of contexts from interpersonal conflicts to organizational, criminal, community and public policy disputes. Current trends such as models of practice, the role of the mediator, narrative mediation, Insight mediation, restorative justice, intercultural mediation, gender issues and particular areas of practice will also be examined.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To understand the principles and theories of mediation and its practice;
To evaluate and reflect critically upon those principles and theories and their impact on practice;
To gain an introductory understanding of the goals, strategies, skills and art of mediation practice.

REQUIRED TEXTS [Available at the Campus Bookstore]

1. Bishop, Peter, Cheryl Picard, Rena Ramkay, Neil Sargent. *The Art and Practice of Mediation, 2nd ed.* Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2014

EVALUATION

- In general, all four components below must be completed in order to get a passing grade.
- All assignments under items 1, 2, and 3 below will be submitted through cuLearn.

– Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

1. Class Preparedness and Participation (15%)

Students are required to complete readings before class and offer informed and analytical discussion based on assigned readings. Students will be evaluated on their preparedness and participation in class and in small group discussions and exercises. Students will also be evaluated on a group assignment to be done during and between classes. This component will constitute 15% of the final mark

2. Reflective Journal (25%)

Students will be required to keep a regular journal of their insights, reflections and experiences relating to the subject matter of this course. In particular, a student will be required to write four journal entries, applying course concepts and methods to actual conflict situations. A journal entry may include reflections on one's own and other's communication styles and preferences, perspectives and perceptions, personality types, cultural factors and generally any aspect of how different people relate and respond to conflict. Guidelines for the course journals assignment will be provided on the course cuLearn site. The first journal entry is to be submitted for feedback on or before October 6 and all four journal entries are to be submitted for marking on or before November 20. The journal assignment is worth 25% of the final mark.

3. Research Term Paper (30%)

Students will be required to submit a research term paper that relates to some course themes and principles. Students may select any area of practice to research. Guidelines for this term paper will be provided on the course cuLearn site. Students will be asked to submit a two page proposal (plus preliminary bibliography) of what they will undertake for their research paper. The term paper proposal should be submitted by October 13 and the term paper is due on November 27. The term paper is worth 30% of the final mark.

4. Final Examination (30%)

Students will be required to write a final examination at a time to be scheduled during the fall term examination period of December 9-21, 2015. It may be necessary for this examination to be scheduled during the day. This final examination will be a three hour, closed book examination with essay questions. The final examination will be worth 30% of the student's final mark.

COURSE AND READING OUTLINE

Note: PowerPoint slides for each class will be posted on the cuLearn site the day before the class.

Class 1 (September 8)

- Course Overview
- Basic Concepts

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter One – “Introduction to the Art and Practice of Mediation”

Class 2 (September 15)

- Dispute Resolution Methods
- Principles of Negotiation

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Two – “Dispute Resolution Processes”

Class 3 (September 22)

- Basic Principles and Practices of Mediation

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Three – “Mediation as a Dispute Resolution Process”

Class 4 (September 29)

- Understanding Conflict and Conflict Behaviour

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Four – “Understanding Conflict Behaviour”

Class 5 (October 6)

- Conflict Communication
- Basic Mediation Skills

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Five – “Conflict and Communication”

Class 6 (October 13)

- Convening and Preparing for a Mediation

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Six – “Convening and Preparing for a Mediation”

Class 7 (October 20)

- Cultivating Constructive Dialogue in Mediation
- Skills and Practices for Stage Two of the Mediation Process

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Seven – “Cultivating Constructive Dialogue in Mediation”

FALL BREAK WEEK: October 26-30 - No class.**Class 8 (November 3)**

- Restorative and Reconciliation Processes
- Mediation and Justice

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Ten – “Restorative and Reconciliation Processes”

Class 9 (November 10)

- Getting to the Heart of Conflict
- Skills and Practices for Stage Three of the Mediation Process

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Eight – “Getting to the Heart of Conflict”

Class 10 (November 17)

- Completing the Mediation Process
- Skills and Practices for Stage Three of the Mediation Process

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Nine – “Reaching Decisions and Completing the Mediation Process”

Class 11 (November 24)

- Mediation Applications
- Mediation Programs in Organizations and Communities

The Art and Practice of Mediation, Chapter Eleven – “Using Mediation in Organizations and Communities”

Class 12 (December 1)

- Mediation as a Profession
- Course Summary