

**Laws 3006 A - MEDIATION
Summer 2017**

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3006 A – MEDIATION
TERM:	Summer 2017
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000 and 1.0 credit from LAWS 2105, LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202, LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302, LAWS 2501, LAWS 2502, LAWS 2601, BUSI 2601.
CLASS:	Day & Time: M/W 11:35 AM -2:35 PM
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course addresses the theory and practice of mediation; historical roots and influences; contrasts with formal litigation and other dispute resolution processes; issues of social and legal control; critiques, including feminist, Marxist and critical race theory; issues of power, gender, race and class; application to contemporary issues and disputes.

Over the past few decades, mediation processes have been applied to resolve an increasing variety of types of conflicts and disputes. Mediation has developed and adapted in a variety of situations and contexts where it has proven to have a number of advantages over more formal, traditional conflict resolution 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 issues such as models of practice, the role of the mediator, narrative mediation, restorative justice, intercultural mediation, equality issues, regulation, and particular areas of practice will also be examined.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and describe widely accepted principles and theories of mediation and its practice;
2. Critically discuss those principles and theories and assess their impact on mediation practice and society;
3. Clearly communicate the goals, strategies, and skills of mediation practice; and
4. Critically evaluate the current and future roles of mediation and mediators in the context of the resolution of disputes in Canada and abroad.

REQUIRED TEXT

MacFarlane, Julie, *Dispute Resolution: Readings and Case Studies* (4th ed.) (Toronto: Emond Montgomery, 2011).

EVALUATION

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

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

i) *Preparation for Class, Participation, Group Presentations, and Attendance (15%)*

The course will involve lectures, class discussion, small group work, case studies and student presentations. Students are to have read all the required readings in advance of class and come prepared to offer informed and analytical interventions. You will be required to submit a one page self- assessment of your participation in the class activities. Participation includes attending, listening, to asking questions that advance your own understanding and build knowledge for others, participating in class discussions that deepen the conversation, encouraging participation of others and make references to course readings and attend to group process. Participation self-assessments are to be submitted on the last day of class.

iii) *Independent Learning Initiative and Learning Journal (40%)*

Students will be asked to formulate a statement of their goals and objectives in studying mediation, along with a list of their strengths and weaknesses as potential conflict interveners at this point in time. This statement will become a “template” by which students can track their progress throughout the course; it is to be handed in the last day of the exam period. Students are also required to keep a “Learning Journal” which should have weekly entries at least one page in length. Journals are to be handed in with the final assignment.

iv) *Final Essay (45%)*

Students will be required to complete a research essay on a topic related to mediation. (no more than 12-15 typed, double-spaced pages). Proper in-text referencing and a bibliography is required (5 marks will be given for this). The final essay will be due at the end of the exam period.

Written assignments are due by 4:00 p.m. on date indicate. All assignments are to be submitted via CULearn.

Absolutely no extensions will be granted unless under documented extenuating circumstances.

Students are strongly advised to keep a copy of all assignments until marks have been posted.

SCHEDULE AND READINGS:

Class 1

- Course Overview**
- Basic Concepts**

Text: Chapter 1 pps. 1-32 and Chapter 3, p. 261

Class 2

- Dispute Resolution Methods**
- Principles of Negotiation**

Chapter 2, pps. 106-112

Class 3

- Principles and Practices of Mediation**

Chapter 3 pps. 261-277

Class 4

- Understanding Conflict and Conflict Behaviour**

pps. 53-80

Class 5

- Conflict Communication**

- Basic Mediation Skills**

pps. 314-326

Class 6

- Convening and Preparing for a Mediation**

pps. 283-313

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

pps. 361-388

Class 8

- Law, legal processes and Mediation**

pps. 241-260

Class 9

Ethical and Equality Issues in Mediation

pps. 234-241; p 56-76 and p. 375

Class 10

Mediation and Restorative Justice

pps. 1- 8

Class 11

Mediation Applications

Mediation Programs in Organizations and Communities

pps. 361-375

Class 12

Mediation as a Profession? Regulatory Regimes and Future Possibilities

Course Summary