

2010-2011 Curriculum Changes

Important information concerning changes to courses offered by the Department of Law and changes concerning Law programs.

Please read the information below carefully before registering for courses this year!

I. Changes to 2nd Year Courses

Our three full-credit 2nd year courses have been deleted from the undergraduate calendar. Please note each full-credit course has been replaced by two half-credit courses. The changes are as follows:

- A) LAWS 2003 –Private Law Relationships has been deleted from the calendar. It has been replaced by two half-credit courses. The two new half-credit courses are:
LAWS 2201 – Persons and Property
LAWS 2202 – Obligations.

Subject to your program requirements, you may take either LAWS 2201 or LAWS 2202 or both. **However, if your audit shows that you must complete LAWS 2003 as a requirement, then you must take BOTH LAWS 2201 AND LAWS 2202 to fulfill the LAWS 2003 requirement.**

- B) LAWS 2004 – Criminal Law in Context has been deleted from the calendar. It has been replaced by two half-credit courses. The two new half-credit courses are:
LAWS 2301 – Criminal Justice System
LAWS 2302 – Criminal Law

Subject to your program requirements, you may take either LAWS 2301 or LAWS 2302 or both courses. **However, if your audit shows that you must complete LAWS 2004 as a requirement, then you must take BOTH LAWS 2301 AND LAWS 2302 to fulfill the LAWS 2004 requirement.**

- C) LAWS 2005 – Public Law has been deleted from the calendar. It has been replaced by two half-credit courses. The two new half-credit courses are:
LAWS 2501 - Law, State and Constitution
LAWS 2502 - Law, State and Citizen

Subject to your program requirements, you may take either LAWS 2501 or LAWS 2502 or both courses. **However, if your audit shows that you must complete LAWS 2005 as a requirement, then you must take both LAWS 2501 AND LAWS 2502 to fulfill the LAWS 2005 requirement.**

II. Changes to 3rd and 4th Year Courses

There have also been changes to several upper-year courses.

- A) LAWS 3603 - Public International Law has been moved from 3rd year to 2nd year. The new course number is LAWS 2601. **If your audit shows that you must complete LAWS 3603 as a requirement, then you must now take LAWS 2601.**
- B) LAWS 4604 -International Human Rights has been moved from 4th year to 3rd year. The new course number is LAWS 3602. **If your audit shows that you must complete LAWS 4604 as a requirement, then you must now take LAWS 3602.**
- C) We have created a new 4th year course: Laws 4601 – Transnational Law and Human Rights

III. New Honours Concentration in Transnational Law and Human Rights

The Department of Law has created a new Honours Concentration called Transnational Law and Human Rights. This new Honours Concentration is designed to include courses dealing with human rights and social justice in both domestic and international legal contexts within a Legal Studies framework. The new Concentration will highlight the role of law in addressing human rights and social justice issues that transcend traditional categories of domestic and international law. The program requirements for this new Concentration are set out in the Undergraduate Calendar.

III. Other Changes to Law Programs

The Department of Law has introduced a number of other changes to the requirements for existing programs. These new program requirements will apply to students who register in Law programs in 2010 and thereafter. Please note that these new program requirements will be triggered if you make changes to your program e.g. if you change from Law Major to Combined Major or if you change from Law Honours to Law General or vice-versa.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of students to check their audits to ensure that they are fulfilling the requirements of their respective academic programs. The Student Academic Success Centre provides assistance to students who need help reading or understanding their academic audits. For general information about audits see: <http://www2.carleton.ca/sasc/advisingcentre/reading-your-audit/>

Additional Information: Changes to LAWS Courses and Programs

A number of students have raised questions in response to the email sent by the Department of Law concerning changes to Law Courses and Program Requirements. The most frequently asked question is related to the deletion of LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004, and LAWS 2005. The question asked is whether students who have already completed LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004 and/or LAWS 2005 will still receive credit for the courses they completed. The answer is YES. LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004, and LAWS 2005 will still be recognized on your audits as fulfilling the program requirements they fulfilled in previous years.

In those cases where students change programs and thereby trigger the new program requirements, LAWS 2003, LAWS 2004 and LAWS 2005 may be used to fulfill the equivalent new program requirements. Thus, for example, LAWS 2005 may be used to fulfill a new program requirement that requires a student to take LAWS 2501 and LAWS 2502.

Please continue to monitor your connect email as the Department may issue general emails to respond to questions raised by students. Additional information will also be available on the departmental webpage next week: <http://www2.carleton.ca/law/>