

Course Outline: "UNDERSTANDING CANADIAN LAW"

Teacher: N.LISTER

Credit Value: 0.5

Course Code: CLU3E6

Prerequisite: n/a

Course Description:

This course explores legal issues that directly affect students' lives. To develop an appreciation of the Canadian legal system, students examine the roots of Canadian law and expand on their understanding of the role of government in making laws. **CLU3E6** focuses on giving an overview of Canadian law with a focus on Criminal Law. Content includes: Law foundations, The need for law, The division of law, Sentencing, Rights & Freedoms, Criminal law & criminal offences, & The Criminal Code of Canada.

Textbook: none

Curriculum Strands:	0.5 credit Units of Study:
THE Inquiry process in legal studies	Legal Foundations
Legal Foundations	Criminal Law
Civil Law	Rights and Freedoms
Criminal Law	
Rights and Freedoms	

Assessment & Evaluation:

Term Work:	70%	Final Summative:	30%
Assignments	= 35%	Summative assignments	= 10%
Tests/Quizzes	= 20%	Final Exam	= 20%
Communication	= 15%		

Within each Curriculum Strand, the following Achievement Chart Categories will be used for individual evaluations:

Knowledge/Understanding, Thinking/Inquiry, Communication, Application

Learning Skills and Work Habits: The following Learning Skills and Work Habits are evaluated regularly using a scale of Excellent, Good, Satisfactory or Needs Improvement:

- Responsibility
- Organization
- Independent Work
- Collaboration
- Initiative
- Self-Regulation

Growing Success: Students will be assessed through a combination of conversation, observation, and product. Success criteria, exemplars and ongoing descriptive feedback will be used to support student learning. Assessment will be varied in nature, and administered over a period of time to provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate the full range of their learning. The final grade should reflect the student's most consistent level of achievement, with special consideration given to more recent evidence. (*Growing Success, 2010*)

Teaching Strategies: A variety of teaching and learning strategies will be incorporated throughout the course.