Law 120

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BLMS

Room 213

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# Course description:

In this semester course students will begin with a brief history of Canadian Law and its terms. Next, students will be introduced to four different branches of Law. (Human Rights, Criminal, Youth, and Civil) The class will be conducting a Mock Trial with their new understandings at the end of the semester.

Unit 1 Foundations of the Law

1. Reading Law
2. Terms
3. History of Law
4. Classifying Law
5. Types of Law

Unit 2 Human Rights

1. Canadian Charter
2. Bill of Rights
3. Freedoms

 Unit 3 Criminal Law

1. Nature of Crime
2. Criminal Court System
3. Criminal Offences

Unit 4 Youth & the Law

1. Youth and Crime
2. Legal Rights of Young People
3. Youth Criminal Justice

Unit 5 Civil Law and the Law of Torts

1. Understanding Civil Procedures
2. Torts
3. Marriage

**Absenteeism and marks**

A legitimate absence is for school related activities, illness or bereavement.

**Group marks**

Group marks will be earned based on your days present and working with your team.  For example, if a project takes ten class days to complete and the group receives a mark of 80%; but you were only there for 5 days you would receive a 40%.  Even if you have a legitimate reason for being absent the expectation is that you will make up for the time you missed by contributing to the group from home or working during study block when you are able.  Alternatively, if you know you are going to be absent you may choose to work alone if the teacher gives you that option.

**In-class project marks/eco-points/shop/co-op marks**

You will be marked based on the number of days that you are present and participating in class.  If, for example, you earn a shop mark of 70% and you were there 90% of the time your mark would be 63%.

**Labs**

If you are absent, during a science lab without a legitimate written excuse, you will receive a mark of zero and the teacher will not make up the lab for you.  If you have a legitimate excuse and it is within his/her ability to do, the teacher may allow you to make up the lab.

**Late assignment policy:**

* To get full marks, assignments need to be handed in by the assigned due date.
* For every date late, after the assignment due date, 10% will be deducted from the mark (up to a maximum of 40%).  Weekends count as one day.
* If a student is absent on a due date, a written legitimate excuse from a parent or guardian must be presented upon the student’s return, or the late-day deductions will apply.
* A student’s mark cannot be lower than 60% given that the student deserves a passing grade on the assignment to begin with.  Any work getting a mark of less than 60% will receive that grade.
* In order to be graded, all work must be handed in **no later than one week**after the given due date of the assignment.  Term marks are final.

**BLMS Attendance Incentive –**

Exams are normally worth 30% of students’ mark. To reach Academic Incentive, a student must meet the following criteria:

1. Miss 5 or fewer classes in that particular subject (only school related activities and bereavement are exempted excuses); AND
2. Be in good standing (not owing for assignments, projects, etc.)

The subject teacher will then apply one of the three following options to the student’s advantage:

1. 15% Final Exam, 85% Class Mark
2. 50% Final Exam, 50% Class Mark

Classroom expectations:

Students are responsible for ensuring they are adequately prepared for class, with ***all*** essential materials, and their homework completed.

Students are responsible for all work assigned, ***whether or not*** they were present when the work was given.

Students are also expected to be polite, respectful and on time.

# Assessment

Test and Quizzes: 30%

Assignments, Class Mark and Projects 25%

Mock Trial/Debates 15%

Exam 30%