Student Registration Information
2013 – 2014
Year 2
(Program Entry September 2012 or later)
REGISTRATION MATERIALS

It is very important that you review the Registration Documents listed at the Faculty of Law Website immediately prior to registering for the 2013-2014 Academic Year in order for you to have the most current information. Course listings, descriptions and timetable information will be available in May at the following website:

http://www.law.ubc.ca/current/jd/reg_timetables_exams.html

At this website you can view the following:

• Registration Guide
  Provides an on-line copy of this Student Registration Information Guide.

• Upper Year Course Descriptions
  Lists all offerings. Includes instructor details and a brief description of the course including the method of evaluation and any prerequisites.

• Course Listing and Scheduling Details (FALL)
  Scheduling details for the Fall term such as day and time, as well as credit value, instructor and type of course.

• Course Listing and Scheduling Details (SPRING)
  Scheduling details for the Spring term such as day and time, as well as credit value, instructor and type of course.

• Overall Timetable (FALL)
  The entire Fall timetable at a glance.

• Overall Timetable (SPRING)
  The entire Spring timetable at a glance.

• Computerized Exams
  Policies, procedure, and frequently asked questions.

• Examination Schedule (FALL)
  Lists dates and times for all Fall term Law examinations. When selecting your courses, you must ensure that they do not conflict on the examination schedule.

• Examination Schedule (SPRING)
  Lists dates and times for all Spring term and full-year Law examinations. When selecting your courses, you must ensure that they do not conflict on the examination schedule.

• Changes to Schedule
  Lists changes to schedules, new courses and course cancellations. Consult this document regularly, particularly before registering.

Note: all documents are in PDF format.
HOW AND WHEN TO REGISTER

1. Familiarize yourself with the UBC Student Service Centre website:

   http://www.students.ubc.ca/ssc

   Click “Login.” You will need to use your UBC campus-wide login name (CWL) and password.

2. Under the "Personal Information” menu, update your e-mail address on the “Contacts Summary” page. This is important as all registration notifications and updates will be sent to the e-mail address you registered with the university.

3. You must make a $100 deposit to activate your registration privileges. Under the “Finance” menu, click on “Pay Fees” for details.

4. To register, under the “Registration” menu, click on "Registration." Choose the appropriate session (e.g. 2013W) and then "Add/Drop Courses" to register for one course at a time, or follow the instructions for creating one or more worklists of multiple courses for registration by clicking on "My Worklists" under the “Tools” menu on the left side of the screen.

   You should register according to the dates and times in the table below; your registration time is not dependent on your average.

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   The Go-Global Office can access registration for exchange students beginning July 10. Visiting students will register with their year according to their letter of admission. National Committee students: You will be contacted and registered by Faculty of Law staff.

   Third-year students should add their preferred and required courses (for both terms 1 and 2) during the first access period (i.e. July 4-5). They can then complete their schedules during the second period (July 10 and on) when the credit limit is increased to 34.

If you experience technical difficulties while registering, contact the Enrolment Services help desk at: 604.822.2844
RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Students are responsible for ensuring that they comply with all relevant rules pertaining to registration, course selection, course changes, and maximum/minimum credit requirements.

2. In cases where a discrepancy exists between these documents and registration material available through the Student Services Centre website, these documents govern.

3. The deadline for term 1 course changes is **Tuesday, September 17, 2013,** for full-year courses is **Friday, September 20, 2013,** and for term 2 courses is **Monday, January, 20, 2013.** Withdrawal from courses AFTER these dates will result in a "W" on the student's academic record. Please note: Course changes include adding and dropping courses as well as switching sections.

4. **Students must not register in course sections scheduled at the same time, in whole or in part.** Should it become necessary to reschedule any of the course sections, students will be responsible for ensuring that their final timetable is conflict-free. Notwithstanding course registration, credit will not be granted for courses that conflict.

5. **Full-Time Studies**
   Students pursuing full-time studies must complete a **minimum of 60 credits** in total over their 2nd and 3rd years of study to obtain the 92 credits required to graduate.

   Students **may not enroll in more than 34 credits per year** (18 credits per term). In exceptional circumstances, permission to exceed the credit maximum may be granted by the Assistant Dean, Students.

   A full-time course load is 15 credits per term and 30 credits per year.

6. **Part-Time Studies**
   Students wishing to complete their law degree on a part-time basis must request permission to do so from the Assistant Dean, Students.

   Part-time students **must take a minimum of 6 credits per term and 15 credits per year.**

7. **Loan, Bursary and Award Eligibility**
   To maintain eligibility for student loans and bursaries, students must enroll in **60% of a full-time course load (or 9 credits per term).** Further information about loan eligibility is available online on the Enrolment Services website: [http://www.students.ubc.ca/finance/student-loans/bc-students/course-load-guide/](http://www.students.ubc.ca/finance/student-loans/bc-students/course-load-guide/)

   To maintain eligibility for awards, students must enroll in a minimum of 27 credits per academic session.

8. **Prerequisites**
   A student may not enroll in a course for which another subject is a prerequisite unless the required course was taken and passed earlier. In special circumstances, the faculty member teaching the subject may waive this stipulation.
9. **Wait Lists and Force Forms**

If you wish to ask a professor to allow you to be registered into a course that is full, you should e-mail the professor to request to be put on a wait list for the course; alternatively, you can ask the professor to sign a Permission to Force Student Registration into a Fully Subscribed Course Form (Force Form). All forms can be found at www.law.ubc.ca. Hardcopies can also be found in the Student Services Waiting Area across from Allard, room 161, and can be put in the lockbox in that location when completed.

**SPECIAL PERMISSION COURSES**
(Students cannot register themselves into these courses, but are registered into them by Student Academic Services Staff.)

**DIRECTED RESEARCH: LAW 493-496**

Directed research courses offer J.D. students an opportunity to do extensive research and writing on a topic of their choice under the supervision of a UBC Law professor. Directed Research may not be supervised by adjunct faculty or emeritus faculty unless approved by the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, and only in exceptional circumstances where there is no appropriate regular faculty member able to supervise.

J.D. students may enroll in directed research courses of 2, 3, or 4 credits. In order to register, the student must complete a Directed Research form (available electronically at www.law.ubc.ca/forms/index.html, or in hardcopy in the Student Services waiting area in room 148), have it signed by the supervising professor, and put it in the lockbox in the Student Services Waiting in room 148.

The Faculty of Law will apply no more than 8 directed research credits towards the J.D. degree requirements.

The supervising faculty member will set the requirements for the course, in consultation with the student before accepting the supervision. For the guidance of students and faculty members, the general expectations of directed study courses are:

- that the student and supervising faculty member will meet twice a month;
- that the student will provide the supervising faculty member with an outline, and draft of the research paper at appropriate intervals;
- that the supervising faculty member will provide appropriate feedback; and
- that the final paper will be approximately 2500 words/credit (excluding bibliography).

Faculty members are not obliged to take on directed research students.
CLINICS

For information about the following courses, see
http://www.lslap.bc.ca/main/ and
http://www.law.ubc.ca/current.jd/clinical.html

Law Students Legal Advice Program – LAW 491 (4 credits across the Year – 2 per term)

Mediation & Mediation Practicum – LAW 479 (3 credits) & 480B (3 credits)

Externship & Externship reflection – LAW 379 (12 credits) & 380 (4 credits)

Global Environment and Resources Law Externship – LAW 379 (12 credits) & 380 (4 credits)

First Nations Legal Clinic – LAW 488 (11 credits) & 489 (4 credits)

The Innocence Project – LAW 470 (6 credits across the year – 3 per term)

Clinical Criminal Law – LAW 490 (6 credits)

Note: Credit may be granted for only one of LAW 488 (First Nations Clinic), LAW 490 (Criminal Clinic), and LAW 491 (LSLAP).

COMPETITIVE MOOT PROGRAMMES

Students will be selected in May for 2013/14. The Director, Student Academic Services, will oversee registration; students cannot register themselves. However, students should factor in their moot credits when planning and registering for other courses. (See: http://www.law.ubc.ca/moots/index.html)

Credit for participation will be given by way of the following courses:

LAW 483C Competitive Moots Advocacy Credit A (5 credits – 3 in term 1, 2 in term 2):
- Burns Trial Moot
- Gale Moot
- Jessup International Moot
- Laskin Moot
- U.B.C./U.Vic. Moot
- Corporate/Securities Moot
- Wilson Moot
- Kawaskimhon Moot
- Dinsdale and Clark Canadian Labour Arbitration Competition
- Oxford Intellectual Property Moot
- Donald Bowman Tax Moot

LAW 483A Oxford Intellectual Property Moot (2 in term 1, 1 in term 2)
LAW 483B Environmental Law Moot (4 credits across year – 2 in term 1, 2 in term 2)
LAW 475 Competitive Trial Advocacy Credit (2 credits across year – 1 per term):
- Peter Burns Moot

LAW 485 Client Counselling Competition Credit (3 credits across year – 2 in term 1, 1 in term 2):
- Client Counselling Moot
COURSE SELECTION – COMPULSORY COURSES

J.D. 1ST YEAR CURRICULUM - PROGRAM ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2012 OR LATER

ALL 1ST YEAR COURSES ARE REQUIRED

LAW 100 Canadian Constitutional Law (6 credits)
LAW 110 Contracts (5 credits)
LAW 120 Criminal Law & Procedure (5 credits)
LAW 130 Property Law (5 credits)
LAW 140 Torts (5 credits)
LAW 150 Transnational Law (2 credits)
LAW 160 Public Law (2 credits)
LAW 180 Legal Research & Writing (2 credits)

= 32 Credits

J.D. 2ND AND 3RD YEAR CURRICULUM

REQUIRED COURSES

All of the first-year courses are compulsory. In the upper years, students must take four compulsory courses:

- LAW 210 Administrative Law
- LAW 230 Business Organizations
- LAW 290 Jurisprudence and Critical Perspectives
- LAW 468 Ethics and Professionalism

In addition, a student must undertake a 4 credit Seminar or Directed Research.

ELECTIVES

May include a maximum of 6 credits of courses outside of Law at UBC.

Not calculated in Average but credits given:
- Maximum of 30 credits as Exchange Student in non-Canadian Institution.
- Maximum of 1 year (no credit max) in another Canadian Law School.

REQUIRED + ELECTIVE 2nd AND 3rd YEAR COURSES = minimum of 60 Credits

18 Law Credit Max per Term
34 Law Credit Max per Year

TO GRADUATE

92 Credits Minimum (60 UBC Credits for transfer students)
103 Credits Maximum

Minimum 55% Grade Average per year
Minimum 50% Grade in each required course.

Students can complete multiple requirements simultaneously if one course meets more than one requirement.
THE 4 CREDIT SEMINAR OR DIRECTED RESEARCH

All students must undertake, in either the second or third year, at least one independent research project and submit a substantial paper (or series of papers) embodying the results of this research. In order to satisfy this requirement, students must take either a 4 credit seminar taught by a faculty member or 4 credit directed research supervised by a faculty member during second or third year.

The list of 4 credit seminar courses varies based on the available course offerings in a given year. Please refer to the Upper Year Course listings at Faculty of Law website. Since there are a limited number of seminar spaces available, students in third-year who have not yet fulfilled this requirement should register in a 4 credit seminar before other courses.

NEITHER A WORKSHOP PAPER, THE FIRST NATIONS CLINIC PAPER, NOR THE EXternship REFLECTION DIARY SATISFIES THIS REQUIREMENT. IN ADDITION, LAW 430C AND 430D ADVANCED LEGAL RESEARCH DO NOT MEET THE SEMINAR REQUIREMENT.
CONCENTRATIONS AND SPECIALIZATIONS

Students have the opportunity to complete a specialization or concentration as part of their degree. For information about each program, students should contact the responsible faculty or staff member as set out below.

**Business Law Concentration** – Chiara Woods, Executive Director of the National Centre for Business Law, woods@law.ubc.ca

**Specialization in Environmental Law** – Professor Ben Richardson, richardson@law.ubc.ca

**Specialization in Law and Social Justice** – Professor Margot Young, myoung@law.ubc.ca

The Assistant Dean, Students, is also available to discuss specializations and concentrations generally with students.

COURSE SELECTION – OPTIONAL COURSES

TIMETABLING CONSIDERATIONS

This Faculty has one of the widest ranges of upper year courses of any law school in Canada. This means that some timetabling conflict between courses is inevitable. Every effort is made to keep such conflict to a minimum.

THE ORDER IN WHICH COURSES SHOULD BE TAKEN

When planning your course selections for second or third year, please bear in mind the following points:

1. Courses that are a prerequisite to other courses must be taken before those other courses. This will, to some extent, determine your allocation of courses as between second and third year, and also as between Fall and Spring.

2. Even where it is not a prerequisite, you should try to take basic courses before more specialized courses in the same area. Thus it makes sense to take Administrative Law before Municipal Law, Trusts before Succession, and so forth.

3. As between second and third year, you should generally try to take basic courses, on which other courses follow, in second year, if you want to keep open the option of taking the more advanced courses in third year.
CONSIDERATIONS IN CHOOSING SUBJECT MATTER

Probably the best general approach to choosing your upper year courses is to try for a balanced program in terms of subject matter, intellectual approach, and degree of specialization.

As far as your choice of subject matter is concerned, you will obviously have your eventual career options in mind, but some caveats are in order. One is not to think of your career options too narrowly. Private practice, or Crown counsel, or government service, or some other legal career may be your current aim, but there are many other possible careers for law graduates. Another caveat is not to assume that your interests will never change. And a third is to remember how unpredictable the turns in a career path can be. Graduates have often ended up practising or employed in areas of law that, when they were in law school, they never expected to become involved with. Or they have expected to spend careers in private practice but, after articling or some time in practice, turned instead to public service practice, government, education, mediation, house counsel work, business management, or other career paths. For all these reasons, gearing your program too much to one career plan may be something of a disadvantage if you later want to move in another direction.

Courses vary in their intellectual approach to law. For instance, there are doctrinal courses, theoretical examinations of particular areas of law, clinical or practice skills courses, and courses examining the philosophical foundations of law itself. Many courses are a combination of approaches. Each approach can contribute to your insight into law, the legal system, and the relationship between law and other aspects of knowledge and of life. It is wise not to assume that any particular approach is the most interesting, the most "practical", or whatever. The best program is usually one that exposes you to the full range of ways in which law can be studied and understood. Choose courses - and instructors - on the basis of what, for you, looks as if it will be the most stimulating and fully rounded academic experience.

Some degree of specialization in your courses usually adds depth and interest to your package, but it is generally advisable to have a good range of the broader courses as well. There are practical advantages to this, as just discussed. And, usually, the person with a broad exposure to different aspects of law has a better sense of the intellectual framework of law as a whole.
PROFESSIONAL LEGAL TRAINING COURSE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Law Society of British Columbia has asked us to draw the following to your attention:

DO YOU PLAN TO PRACTISE LAW IN BRITISH COLUMBIA?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LAW STUDENTS FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

To successfully complete the Law Society’s Admission Program, you will need to acquire knowledge of the law in the eight core practice areas upon which you will be examined, and which are the foundation for the practice, procedure and skills instruction and assessment in the Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC).

Law school is the first step for prospective lawyers in British Columbia. The second step is successful completion of the Law Society’s Admission Program, comprising ten weeks of PLTC, including two qualification examinations and four skills assessments, and nine months of articles.

During PLTC students will be examined on professional responsibility, practice management, lawyering skills, and the law, practice and procedure in eight core areas of practice.

**LAWYERING SKILLS**
- Writing
- Drafting
- Interviewing
- Advocacy
- Legal Research
- Negotiation and Mediation
- Problem Solving

**PRACTICE AREAS**
- Civil Procedure
- Commercial Practice
- Corporate Practice
- Creditors’ Remedies (including Builders’ Liens)
- Criminal Procedure
- Family Practice
- Real Estate
- Wills

Teaching during PLTC focuses on lawyering skills, professional responsibility, law office management, and practice and procedure in the eight core practice areas. There is little basic instruction in the law during PLTC’s ten weeks. It is therefore the responsibility of each student who wishes to be licensed to practice law in British Columbia to learn the law in these areas either during law school or through self-study.

The PLTC Practice Material is a valuable resource for students in the Admission Program. It contains summaries of practice and procedure in the eight core practice areas, and forms the knowledge basis for the examinations. Students should decide whether to take courses in these subject areas during their law school studies or expect to educate themselves after law school graduation in these subject areas.

This information is being provided to law school students to communicate, at an early stage in the legal education process, the Law Society of British Columbia’s requirements for the successful completion of the Admission Program and entry into the practice of law in British Columbia.
For further information please see www.lawsociety.bc.ca (Becoming a Lawyer in BC > Students > Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC)). If you have any questions, please contact:

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Deputy Director  
Professional Legal Training Course  
Law Society of British Columbia  
800 – 845 Cambie Street  
Vancouver, BC V6B 4Z9  

604-697-5808 / 1-800-903-5300 (toll-free in BC)  
lburns@lsbc.org

**QUALIFICATION IN OTHER PROVINCES**

If you are considering qualification as a lawyer in another province, you should be aware that some Law Societies (such as Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island) have lists of required courses. Students are encouraged to check the rules and policies of the province(s) in which they may wish to be qualified, including any which may affect selection of courses.
ADVICE FROM FACULTY OF LAW MEMBERS

ASSISTANT DEAN, STUDENTS

Kaila Mikkelsen, Assistant Dean, Students, welcomes the opportunity to meet with you and provide guidance about your course selection and degree requirements. Please contact Kaila at mikkelsen@law.ubc.ca or (604) 822-6350 to schedule an advising appointment.

Please note that students may also review their degree progression in terms of credits and graduation requirements by logging in to the Student Service Centre and running the Degree Navigator program.

FACULTY

You are encouraged to seek the advice of Faculty members if you have any questions about your selection of courses. If you wish to contact a Faculty member for advice, refer to the Law website (www.law.ubc.ca). Contact information for individual faculty members may be found under "Faculty and Staff" / "Faculty Directory".

NON-LAW COURSES

Second- and third-year Law students may take courses in other Departments and Schools of the University during the Winter Session and Summer Session (including the Summer Session between First Year Law and Second Year Law, and between Second and Third year) for credit towards their J.D. degree. The "outside" courses may be credited to a MAXIMUM of 6 credits toward the Second or Third Year requirements. The marks obtained in non-law courses are not included in calculating the student’s average.

Each student must receive advance permission to register in such courses. Applications should be submitted to the Assistant Dean, Students, attaching a letter addressed to the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, c/o Faculty of Law as soon as possible for Summer Session courses and two weeks prior to the beginning of term, for Winter Session courses. Students should first check with the Faculty or Department concerned to ensure that they will be permitted to enroll in the course.

The guidelines for non-law courses are:

(a) The Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, must be satisfied that the proposed course, taken in combination with the student's course of study within the Faculty, will contribute substantially to the student's understanding of legal problems.

(b) Courses that relate to the study of law only by providing general perspectives on individual, social or commercial problems, or by providing knowledge that is not law-related but may prove useful in the practice of law, are not within the scope of the non-law option.

Students wishing to take non-law courses for credit towards their J.D. must provide the Associate Dean with:

I. A course description
II. A letter explaining how the course satisfies the Faculty guidelines.
MISCELLANEOUS

TUITION
A non-refundable deposit of $100 must be paid prior to registration. Failure to submit the deposit will result in a "hold" on registration privileges and a late fee. The deposit will be applied to the student's tuition fees and must be paid in full, regardless of any loans or scholarships that may be forthcoming. For more information on tuition, including methods of payment, consult the UBC Welcome to Student Services website (www.students.ubc.ca).

COURSE MATERIALS
Students are advised to defer the purchase of course materials such as texts or casebooks until they have met with their instructor (i.e. after the first class).

CONTACT INFORMATION
Students are strongly encouraged to update their address (both mailing and e-mail) on the Student Service Centre website. An increasing number of instructors use e-mail to advise students of assignments, class cancellations, guest speakers, etc. Almost all communication from the Faculty of Law Student Services staff to students, regarding registration, exams, grades, and advancement, is through e-mail.

TRANSCRIPTS
Pre-law transcripts are often needed for application purposes such as summer and articling positions. Students are advised to obtain official copies of their undergraduate (or pre-Law) transcripts from their pre-law institutions before resuming their Law studies in the fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2013-14
See the UBC Academic Calendar at http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/.
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