

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Law

LAWS 2075.01

Legislation

COURSE OUTLINE

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Wednesday
4:30pm-6:20pm

Room 309

Course Material:

Legislation, Edited by Bruce H. Wildsmith (1997)

Course Objectives:

1. To increase student awareness and understanding of the important role that legislation plays in the legal process.
2. To introduce the student to the structure of the House of Assembly and the process by which a bill becomes law, including a discussion of the duties and responsibilities of the Legislative Counsel.
3. To give the student a better understanding of how a statute is created, including the different types of statutes, the basic underlying policy decisions upon which a statute is based, the statutory scheme developed to carry out the legislative process and the problems faced by drafters in translating general ideas into specific unambiguous language.
4. To give the student an appreciation of the techniques developed by the courts to interpret statutes, including a review of presumptions related to the interpretation of statutes and a review of certain legislation relevant to a complete understanding of a statute.
5. To give student a better understanding of the composition of legislation and the basic rules of legislative drafting.

Course Outline:

See detailed outline attached.

All students in this course must read

1. the University policies on plagiarism and academic honesty referenced in the Policies and Student Resources sections of the plagiarism.dal.ca website; and
2. the Law School policy on plagiarism, as set out in
 - (a) the law school regulations (available in hard copy from the Associate Dean's office and online at http://law.dal.ca/law_3104.html); or
 - (b) the Orientation Handbook (provided to all first year students and available online at http://law.dal.ca/law_6945.html)

Students with disabilities wishing to discuss in-class accommodation or study assistance needs should see the faculty advisor.

Students wishing to request accommodation regarding exam writing or other aspects of evaluation must make the request in writing to the Studies Committee and should see the Associate Dean or Assistant Dean for more information. Material for the Studies Committee should be given to the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Dean.

Evaluation: Major research paper 100%

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DETAILED OUTLINE

September 5	- Introduction
September 12	- Chapter 1
September 19	- Chapter 2
September 26	- Chapter 5 -pages 1-75
October 3	- Chapter 5 – pages 76-99
October 10	- Chapter 5 – pages 100-127
October 17	- to be announced
October 24	- to be announced
October 31	- to be announced
November 7	- to be announced
November 14	- Study Break
November 21	- to be announced
November 28	- to be announced
December 14	- Major Paper Due