

CLN 4U1 Canadian and International Law, Grade 12

Course Description:

This course explores a range of contemporary legal issues and how they are addressed in both Canadian and international law. Students will develop an understanding of the principles of Canadian and international law and of issues related to human rights and freedoms, conflict resolution, and criminal, environmental, and workplace law, both in Canada and internationally. Students will apply the concepts of legal thinking and the legal studies inquiry process, and will develop legal reasoning skills, when investigating these and other issues in both Canadian and international contexts.

Prerequisites: Any university or university/college preparation course in Canadian and world studies, English, or social sciences and humanities.

Evaluation and Assessment

Teachers regularly assess student achievement. Formative assessments ensure the students are on track with respect to meeting the learning expectations. These include homework questions, worksheets, interviews, exit cards, journal entries, etc.

Summative assessments are evaluations of student achievement of learning expectations. These include tests, presentations, assignments, and unit culminating activities.

70% of the mark is based on course work. The remaining 30% is the summative evaluation at the end of the course. See the breakdown below.

Term work	70% of final mark
Knowledge and Understanding	20%
Thinking and Inquiry	20%
Communication	15%
Application	15%
Summative Evaluation	30% of final mark
Final Examination	30%

Units of Study:

Unit	Description
1	The Inquiry Process and Skill Development in Legal studies (Research, Evaluation of Sources, Communication)
2	Legal Foundations (Sources of Law, Theories and Concepts, Law and Society)
3	Rights and Freedoms (Human Rights, Canadian Constitutional Law, The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms)
4	Foundations of International Law and Dispute Resolution (Principles, Treaties and Agreements, Conflict Resolution)
5	International Legal Issues (Criminal, Environmental, Workplace Issues)

Tests, Assignments and Independent Study Work

The accompanying chart breaks down the major independent course work by unit and task. *Not all of your assignments are listed*, but instead the chart focuses on the major assignments of each unit. The assignments may be modified or replaced by an alternative.

Unit	Test and Quiz Description
2	Philosophy of Law Test Unit Test (Chapters 1-3)
3	Charter Rights Quiz Unit Test (Chapters 4-7)
4	Unit Test (Chapters 8-11)
5	Unit Test (Chapters 16-19)
All units	Daily Seminar Presentation and Content Quizzes

Unit	Assignments
1	Newspaper Assignment ISU: International Legal Issue Seminar Presentation and Written Report
2	Landmark Case Studies Philosopher Presentation
3	Human Rights Project Charter Cases Presentations Debate and Judgement
4	Landmark Case Studies
5	Conflict Project Debate and Judgement

Course Requirements

1. All assignments should be submitted by the deadline. Once the teacher has marked an assignment and handed it back to the class, no more will be accepted for marking.
2. Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day.
3. Plagiarized work will receive 0% and the student will be reported to the office for discipline.

Textbook: Alexandrowicz, G.W. Dimensions of Law: Canadian and international law in the 21st century. Toronto: Edmond Montgomery Publications Limited, 2004.

Cost: \$99:00 (if lost)