**Law 120**

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**Room 809**

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**Course Description:** Law 120 introduces principles relating to the Canadian judicial system, criminal and civil law. Its aim is to help students understand their rights and obligations in society.

**Course Objectives** This course is designed to introduce students to basic law concepts and principles. By reading the text, group work, research papers, attending lectures and preparing homework, students will develop the basic skills necessary to:

* Understand the development of Canadian Law practices.
* Understand their rights as Canadians.
* Demonstrate an understanding of roles of Law officials.
* Express how ethics are essential in Canadian law practices.
* Demonstrate reason, persuasive speech and research in Mock trials and case law.

**Course Materials:** Law in Action text book.

**Other Materials:** PowerPoints available through Teacher pages.

**Grading:**

Unit Quizzes:10%

Presentations and Projects: 15%

Class participation/ discussion: 20%

Mock trial: 15%

Research paper: 10%

Final Exam: 30%

**INSTRUCTOR NOTES**

**Key for success:** The law class involves a lot of discussion as we look into many past and current cases. It is expected that students participate in these discussions.

The course will also include a visit to our local courtroom in order to get a better understanding of the roles of each court personnel. There will also be other guest speakers in the class that will help students to gain a deeper understanding as to jobs available within Law.

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| **SUMMARY OF LAW 120****Unit # 1: The Foundation of Canada’s Legal System*** The importance and necessity of Laws
* The Evolution of Law
* Origin of Canadian Law
* Types of Laws
* Federal and Provincial Courts
* Division of Powers
* Creating New Laws
* The Charter of Rights and Freedoms
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| Expand node**Unit # 2: Criminal Law** * Criminalizing Behaviours
* Elements of A Criminal Offence
* Roles of Various Parties to and Offence
* Indictable and Summary Conviction Offences
* Legal Process
* Officers of the Court
* Trial Procedures
* The Jury System
* The Rules of Evidence
* Sentancing, Prison and Paroles
* Appeals
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| Expand node**Unit # 3: Civil Law - Torts** * Distinguishing between Civil and Criminal Law
* Civil Court Procedures
* Filing A Civil Action Claim
* Pre-trial Procedures
* Pleadings
* The Trial
* Torts
* Remedies for Damages
* Defences
* Negligence
* Nuisance
* Trespass
* Occupier’s Liability
* Employer’s Liability
* Product Liability
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| Expand node**Unit # 4 - Family Law*** Changing Trends in the Family
* Marriage
* Separation, Divorce and Annulment
* Adoption
* Custody
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| Expand node**Unit # 5 - Estate Law**  |