

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2023-24 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION SUMMARY (PCIS)¹

COURSE	LAW 387 Health Law
UNIT VALUE	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Ireh Iyioha
TERM OFFERED	Fall 2023
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES	None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

We live in times when the field of health law and policy has taken centre stage in our politics and daily lives. The COVID-19 global health pandemic has given rise to local and global legal, social, economic and related issues that make for an important study within the broad issues arising and traditionally taught within the field of health law and policy. An expansive field of law that embodies principles from several other legal fields (such as the law of torts, constitutional law, international law, human rights law, feminist theory, etc.), health law introduces students to the fundamental principles of Canadian health law and policy. Students will learn about the regulatory framework of the Canadian healthcare system and the health professions, as well as the legal and ethical rules governing healthcare practice in Canada. The course will cover important contemporary issues and applicable legal principles on such topics as medical negligence, law and pandemics, privacy, confidentiality and access to health information, legal capacity and decision-making, end of life decision-making, and the regulation of women's reproductive health. Attention will be paid to the role of law and its limits in the healthcare of racialized and marginalized populations. At the end of the course, students will be equipped with the legal skills to deal with the real-life problems and sometimes profound issues arising from this important, though complex area of law.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Teaching will be done through both lectures and interactive discussions. Students will be expected to participate actively in class discussions. Success in this course will weigh heavily on class attendance and preparation through the completion of readings and other assigned materials for the course.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (Tentative/Subject to change)

There will be two optional methods of evaluation:

Final Exam: 100%

Take-home exam

Research Paper: 100%

Recognizing that some students may need flexibility with the mode of evaluation, up to five students may elect to complete a paper in lieu of the final exam. Students who choose to do so must notify the instructor in late August 2023 to secure permission and topic approval. The instructor will decide which requests to approve based on students' individual needs (year of study, graduation requirements, learning needs, or other extenuating circumstances), the subject-matter of the paper, and instructor's core research expertise.

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¹ The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, Law Student Services (law.studentservices@uvic.ca)