

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2023-24 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	LAW 392 Water Law
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Deborah Curran
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2024
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES</b>	This course is an approved elective for the Concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability

### **OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION**

- Understand the basic principles of hydrology and how they influence water law;
- Recognize several systems of water law in Canada – Indigenous, northern management, riparian rights, civil, and prior allocation - and apply the legal principles of prior allocation;
- Comprehend the structures of provincial and municipal regulation and management of water;
- Apply principles of water law to a variety of current issues, including energy development, drinking water management, groundwater, governance, and international water management;
- Improve writing and presentation skills; and
- Become familiar with a range of water law issues, actors, and strategies for using the rapidly evolving legal and governance system to pursue sustainable water management.

### **METHODOLOGY**

The teaching methodology will consist of class discussion, field trip, guest presentations, student presentations, lectures, and class exercises.

### **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

The final grade for this course will be based on a take-home memo assignment (40% of the grade), class presentation (pass/fail), and a final research project (60% of the grade).

June 2023

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<sup>1</sup> 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.studentservices@uvic.ca](mailto:law.studentservices@uvic.ca).