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ENROLMENT IN NON-LAW COURSES

Upper year law students may, with permission, take courses in other departments and schools in the University for up to 3 credit units towards their JD or JD/JID degree. Normally, enrolment in more than one non-law course per term will not be permitted. Examples of courses that have been approved in recent years are set out in the appendix. Language courses and introductory level classes are rarely approved. It is generally expected that the non-law course will be at the 300 level or greater. Students wanting to take a non-law course must get the prior approval of the Associate Dean and the instructor of the course in question.

Students may not take non-law Summer Session courses for credit unless they are enrolled full-time in the Law academic Summer Session. The same Faculty regulations regarding approval and credit unit limits will apply.

Criteria that will be considered by the Associate Dean in determining whether approval will be granted include the student rationale for replacing a course in law with an outside course and how the non-law course will contribute to the student's legal studies.

Students wishing to take a non-law course should note the following:

1. **Timetable Conflicts:** Students will not be given permission to register in a course outside the Faculty that conflicts on the timetable with another course that the student is taking.
2. **Duplication of Other Courses:** Students will not receive permission to take a course that substantially duplicates another course that the student has already completed.
3. **Academic Difficulty:** There is a potential risk involved in taking non-law courses as not all faculties have a Supplemental Exam policy and, in the unlikely event that a law student receives a low or failing grade on a non-law course, there may be no remedy. For this reason students are advised not to take a non-law course in their last academic term before graduation.

How to Apply: If you wish to take a course outside the Faculty, you must contact the Associate Dean and provide the following information:

- the name of the course and the instructor;
- the timetable for the course;
- the course description;
- the reasons why you wish to take this course as part of your law degree; and
- your acknowledgement of the potential risks.

Registration Procedure:

Undergraduate Course:

- If permission is granted, you must obtain the written permission (email is acceptable) from both the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations in the Faculty of Law and the instructor of the course in question, or the appropriate officer in the Department or Faculty in which the course is offered.
- Take the above information to the Department or Faculty in which the course is offered and request the Department Secretary to register you in the course. The Department Secretary may register you or may provide an over-ride and request that you then register for the course via Online Tools.

Graduate Course:

- If permission is granted, you must complete the "[Graduate Registration Form](#)". It is your responsibility to ensure that you obtain permission and signatures from the instructor and from the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations in the Faculty of Law (in lieu of "Supervisor/Graduate Advisor Name and Signature").
- Submit the form to the appropriate department if prearranged or directly to Graduate Admissions and Records as noted on the form.

Please review the Faculty of Law [regulation on taking courses for credit outside the faculty](#).

For your information, please refer to the appendix below for previously approved courses outside the faculty. Please note the year of approval as some courses may not be available anymore or have an updated course name/number.

Appendix

Approved Non-Law Courses for 2021:

- COM402 – [Legal Issues in Management](#)
- ES382 – [Environmental Topics: Topics in Ecological Restoration](#)
- ES406 – [Alternative Economies for Social Change](#)
- ES480 – [Advanced Environmental Topics in Political Ecology](#)
- ES482 – [Advanced Environmental Topics in Ecological Restoration](#)
- GNDR330 – [Feminist Thought, Past and Present](#)
- POLI306 – [Introduction to Marxism](#)
- POLI326 – [Politics of the Global Arctic](#)
- POLI343 – [International Organization](#)
- POLI348 – [International Security](#)
- POLI351 – [Public Policy Analysis](#)
- POLI367 – [The Politics of Race in Canada](#)
- POLI382 – [Politics and Religion](#)
- WRIT416 – [Advanced Creative Nonfiction Workshop](#)

Approved Non-Law Courses for 2020:

- ADMN311 – [Introduction to Public Administration](#) (cross-listed with POLI350)
- AE310 – [Introduction to Applied Design](#)
- AE322 – [Digital Arts](#)
- CSPT500 – [Current Issues in Social Theory: Contemporary Materialisms*](#)
- ES314 – [Philosophy and Environment](#)
- GNDR310 – [Indigenous Feminisms](#)
- IB408 – [International Legal Relations](#)
- POLI350 – [Introduction to Public Administration](#) (cross-listed with ADMN311)
- POLI433 – [Issues in Politics: Political Psychology*](#)

Approved Non-Law Courses for 2019:

- IB416 – [International Marketing](#)
- IS310D – [LE,NONET Preparation Seminar](#)
- SPAN304 – [Indigenous Latin America, Social Justice, and Environment](#)

Approved Non-Law Courses for 2018:

- ADMN314 – [Public Sector Research and Analysis](#)
- CSPT501/601 – [Contemporary Cultural, Social, and Political Thought](#)
- ER314 – [Ethical, Legal and Policy Aspects of Environmental Restoration](#)
- GNDR302 – [Sex Work, Trafficking and Human Rights](#)
- HLTH301 – [Canadian Health and Community Care Services](#)
- INTS462 – [The Role of Knowledge in Global Health](#)
- PHIL336 – [Philosophy of Law](#)

- POLI370 – [The Politics of Surveillance](#)
- PSYC332 – [Health Psychology](#)
- PSYC391 – [Special Topics in Psychology](#): Eyewitness Suspect Identification*
- WRIT340 – [Revision and Editing](#)

Approved Non-Law Courses for 2017:

- DR506 – [Mediation Processes and Skills](#)
- DR509 – [Dispute Resolution System Design and Public Interest Disputes](#)
- HLTH401 – [Health Policy and Health Governance](#)
- HSTR377 – [Topics in the History of the Modern Middle East](#)*
- ICDG303 – [Lands, Resources, and Economic Development](#)
- IGOV384 – [Special Issues in Indigenous Governance](#)*
- IN601 – [Foundations of Indigenous Nationhood](#)
- POLI323 – [Issues in Politics](#): The Political Psychology and Populism*
- SOCI206 – [Crime and Deviance](#)

**topic changes every term*