

## Faculty Policy

### Interacting in an Online Environment: Faculty of Law Code of Conduct

The Faculty of Law aspires to cultivate relationships of respect and trust between its students, faculty, and staff. Relationships of respect and trust are essential to many things that the Faculty of Law values, including the cultivation of academic community, the promotion of open debate, and the preservation of privacy.

Online education and communication tools pose particular challenges related to privacy, security, and the cultivation of community. In particular, the surreptitious creation of recordings can erode relationships of respect and trust within the Faculty of Law community and, in some cases, threaten the personal security of community members. The University of Victoria permits instructors to choose not to make recordings of their courses, and requires that instructors who choose to record do so on notice to those involved. The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to articulate obligations applicable to other dealings members of the Faculty of Law might have in the course of their studies and work. It seeks to align with principles governing the legal profession, and to promote the development and practice of ethical conduct.

1. Consistent with the principles articulated in the *Code of Professional Conduct* governing British Columbia lawyers:
  - a. Students, faculty members, sessional instructors, and staff members shall endeavour to be courteous and civil and act in good faith with all persons with whom they have dealings in the course of their studies and work at the Faculty of Law, including dealings that may take place in an online environment or on social media.
  - b. Students, faculty members, sessional instructors, and staff members shall not make an audio, video or photographic record of a lecture, meeting or conversation involving any person with whom they have dealings in the course of their studies and work at Faculty of Law, even if lawful, without first informing the other person of their intention to do so.
2. Alleged violations of this Code of Conduct on the part of a student shall be determined under the University of Victoria's Policy for Non-Academic Misconduct.  
<https://www.uvic.ca/services/studentlife/student-conduct/namc/index.php>
3. Nothing in this Code of Conduct shall be construed to derogate from the right of an instructor to refuse to make or authorize the recording of all or any part of a course, and to impose conditions on the subsequent use of any recording they might permit. If any part of this Code of Conduct conflicts with a University regulation or policy, that regulation or policy shall prevail.