FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2018-19 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)

COURSE Law 305 Sentencing: Law, Theory and Practice
UNIT VALUE 1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR Michelle S. Lawrence
TERM OFFERED Spring 2019
CLASS TIMES See schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES No

COURSE OBJECTIVES
1. To provide a brief overview of the historical development of punishment and sentencing.
2. To provide a sound theoretical basis for understanding the aims, purposes and justifications for punishment.
3. To examine in detail the various sentencing options and the basic principles and rules of sentencing, including the rules governing sentencing hearings.

COURSE CONTENT
1. A brief history of punishment and sentencing
2. Justifications for punishment
3. Judicial discretion and the methodology of sentencing
4. Principles of sentencing
5. Rules of sentencing
6. Sentencing hearings
7. Restorative Justice
8. Aggravating and mitigating factors
10. Plea Discussions and Joint Sentencing Submissions
11. Victim Participation in Sentencing

METHODOLOGY
Both lecture and discussion methods will be used. Students are expected to:
1. Have read the assignment materials prior to class;
2. Be able to identify and state the issues presented by the assigned materials; and
3. Participate in class discussion of the assigned materials and any exercises relating to the assigned materials. The purpose of the discussion is to develop an understanding of the issues presented by the materials; to develop the student’s ability to analyze, synthesize, and present legal material; and to enable the instructor to gain a sense of the student’s understanding of the materials and the abilities referred to above.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
- Mock Sentencing Hearing – P/F
- Optional written assignment - 30%
- Final examination (Open Book Exam) - 70-100%
- Major Paper requirement can be completed with Professor’s consent (in lieu of an optional memorandum) - 40%

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