COURSE | Law 344 Insurance
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UNIT VALUE | 1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR | Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey
TERM OFFERED | Spring 2019
CLASS TIMES | See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES | None

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course examines the theory and elements of the practice of insurance law, with reference to the most common forms of both first party and third party (liability) insurance: property, life, accident and sickness, and motor vehicle insurance. The course provides insight into the structure and substance of the operation of this specialized area of contract law in protecting consumers of insurance products while ensuring the viability of the insurance system. The major educational goals for this course include:

- To gain an appreciation of the principles of insurance law and the particular operation of contract law in the insurance context;
- To develop ability to analyze insurance problems and apply legal doctrine and policy considerations to them;
- To acquire insight into the structure and substance of insurance policies;
- To evaluate the effectiveness of legislation in controlling the insurance industry and protecting the interests of consumers of insurance products and insurers.

METHODOLOGY

This is principally a lecture course. There will also be class discussions to give students the opportunity to critically reflect on the readings and apply skills and knowledge acquired in the course to solve practical problems. There is no mark for class participation. However, students are encouraged to participate in class discussions to help the instructor to gauge students' understanding of the materials and address potential concerns, if any.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Students may choose one of the options outlined below:

1. Mid-term examination: 40%
   Or
   A research paper /critical reflection essay (requires instructor's approval): 40%

2. Final examination (open book exam): 60%

May 2018

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1 The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is subject to change. More detailed 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, the Associate Dean (lawassoc@uvic.ca).