COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course exposes students to issues at the heart of legal practice in Canada – the regulation of legal practice and the profession, lawyers’ ethical obligations and their professional duties and responsibilities. By covering such issues as the nature and content of the concepts of professionalism and legal ethics, loyalty, confidentiality, conflicts of interest and civility, as well as special issues implicated in various practice contexts, students will have an opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare them to be able to identify and respond to critical issues they encounter in practice.

METHODOLOGY
The course involves a mixture of lectures, full class discussion, small group discussions and student presentation. Guest lecturers may include members of the profession and the judiciary who will contribute their expertise to students' learning of topics covered in the course. The course is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements for call to the profession set by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
NB: This is preliminary and may change

The class is marked on a pass / fail basis. A student must pass each of the evaluative segments in order to pass the course.

In class exercise: Students are required to prepare and present to the class as part of a group on a topic chosen from a list of issues involving legal ethics and professionalism.

Class participation: Students are required to attend classes and participate in group and class discussions.

Written reflections: Students are required to prepare a series of written reflections on the course concepts and material covered.

There is no final exam.

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1 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, the Manager of Academic Administration and Student Services (lawmaass@uvic.ca).