COURSE
Law 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism

UNIT VALUE
1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)

INSTRUCTOR
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TERM OFFERED
Fall 2019

CLASS TIMES
See schedule

PREREQUISITES / COREQUISITES
Law 360 is a required course for the JD degree and the JD/JID Joint degree.

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course examines the ethical and professional dimensions of the practice of law, including the meanings of ethics and the nature of professional responsibility. The course offers an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to identify and address ethical dilemmas that arise in the legal profession, and considers topics such as: regulation of the legal profession; the role and responsibilities of members of the legal profession in society; the nature and scope of lawyers’ duties; admission to and governance of the legal profession; and critical thinking about legal ethics and professionalism.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
This course is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements for call to the profession set by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. More broadly, the course offers an opportunity to identify and address ethical dilemmas that arise in the legal profession and to think critically about legal ethics and professionalism.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
Classes will involve lectures, large and small group discussions, exercises, and activities designed to achieve the course objectives. Readings will introduce and explore related issues, and set the tone for discussions within the group and with guest speakers. Guest lecturers from the profession and judiciary will contribute their expertise.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
The class is marked on a pass / fail basis. A student must pass each of the evaluative segments in order to pass the course. Those segments are:

- Class participation: Students are required to attend classes and participate in group discussions.
- Written assignments.
- Class presentation: Students are required to prepare and present to the class on a topic chosen from a list of issues. This includes timely submission of a written outline for the presentation.

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).