COURSE          LAW 301 The Administrative Law Process
UNIT VALUE      2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR      Maneesha Deckha
TERM OFFERED    Spring 2020
CLASS TIMES     See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES
LAW 301 is a required course for the UVic JD and JD/JID Degree
LAW 301 is a required pre- or corequisite for LAW 342 Immigration and Citizenship Law
LAW 301 is a required pre-or corequisite for LAW 343 Litigation Skills Workshop: Strategy, Evidence and Procedure (offered in spring 2020)

BRIEF COURSE DESCRIPTION
Administrative law deals with the relationships between different branches of the state. It charts the delivery of government services and the attendant rights and interests of persons and other legal entities as recipients of those services. It is a set of principles and rules that determine how courts supervise the decisions of governmental bodies acting under (mostly) statutory powers to ensure that their dealings with their constituencies comply with the law. The course explores the various reasons courts review such decisions and also considers the varying standards of review they apply in different contexts. The course also considers administrative law in social context, examining the impact of its doctrine on issues related to systemic power imbalances. The connections between administrative and constitutional law will be highlighted. The course is a staple of public law and serves as a foundation for more specialized study in numerous other areas of public law including constitutional, immigration, labour, financial services, environmental, freedom of information, privacy, animal and human rights laws.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
The course strives to be responsive to various learning styles and skill sets. As such, the traditional pure lecture method will not always be followed. Instead, class time will also consist of class discussion, small group interaction, and other interactive exercises. Students should come to class fully willing to participate and are expected to try new techniques and interact with one another during non-lecture portions of the class. The course also implements the Faculty of Law’s commitments to understanding law in social context and, in particular, its relationship to social justice, by examining the principles of administrative law in relation to social, economic, political and cultural differences. The course seeks to promote critical thinking in general as well as a substantive grasp of the historical basis and contemporary principles of administrative law.

EVALUATION METHODOLOGY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)
Students will conduct three shorter written assignments (namely, a Media Abstract, a Critical Reflection, and a Group Drafting Exercise) on Pass/Fail Evaluation for 30% of the course grade: These Assignments will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis where a pass is a "70" or a bare B- grade as per the Faculty’s Grading Scale. Students who do not complete any of the above assignments to a 70% standard as determined by the Instructor will have two further opportunities to complete the assignment with deadlines to be determined by the Instructor. Students who pass these components will receive a combined result of 21/30 for all of these pass/fail assignments. Students will also write a Take-home Exam, which will be comprised of an essay question(s) based on course materials and not external research. If a student achieves higher than a 70, the Take-home Exam will be worth 100% of the grade; the Take-home exam will be worth 70% if the grade on the Take-home is lower than a 70. Students will be expected to submit a take-home exam answer that is between 2250 and 2750 words long. Students may not write their Major Research Paper in this course.

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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).