COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course introduces students to the main forms of business association used in Canada. The course focuses both on the general principles of law as well as background policy frameworks relating to sole proprietorships, partnerships, co-operatives and corporations, and how these forms of business association are organized, governed, operated and financed. It is assumed that most students have little or no background knowledge of business and business terminology.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
The course has two sets of objectives: practical and critical/analytical. On the first of these, students will acquire an understanding of how the main forms of business association used in Canada (sole proprietorship, partnership, cooperative and corporation) are established, the legislative provisions and case law applicable to each, the legal rules governing the internal functioning of these business associations and the relationships between the business association and third parties. (Time permitting, the course may briefly consider other forms of association, such as business trusts, limited liability partnerships, societies, social enterprises, unincorporated associations, franchises and joint ventures.) The second goal is to provide an occasion for students to consider contemporary analyses and critiques of law’s participation in structuring contemporary colonial and capitalist economic orders.

METHODOLOGY
The teaching methods will be a combination of group work and lectures. Class attendance is important, as part of the class-time will involve collaborative problem-based learning.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY
The evaluation will be by way of: (i) two short writing assignments (of 1500 words maximum) counting for 25% (each) of the final mark; (ii) one closed-book midterm quiz counting for 20% of the final mark; and (iii) a final essay (up to 3000 words) or project counting for 30% of the final mark.

* Please note that the method of evaluation and weight is subject to change.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Attention is drawn to the University’s Policy on Academic Integrity at: https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2019-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html

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