COURSE DESCRIPTION
The course introduces main areas of competition law including agreements to lessen competition, or to fix prices, allocate sales or control the production or supply of a product or service. It includes merger notification requirements, abuse of dominant position, vertical price restraints (such as predatory pricing, price discrimination, and resale price maintenance), non-price vertical restraints (such as refusals to deal, tied selling, exclusive dealing, and market restrictions), and misleading advertising. There are many interconnecting policy considerations in competition law. These will be introduced. It is also an area of law that is based on economics and economics concepts are directly expressed in the law itself. Consequently, some (simple) economic analysis will be introduced as well.

OBJECTIVES
The first objective of the course is to provide an overview of competition law to help one identify potential competition law issues and to prepare one to provide advice on the issues identified. The second objective is to prepare one to pursue further studies of particular areas of interest in competition law by pursuing a particular area of interest in competition law.

Both objectives are served by having a basic knowledge of competition law, its history, its underlying economic concepts, the various competing goals of competition law and related competition policy concerns. This basic knowledge will be assessed by way of one or more closed-book tests using short answer, matching, true/false, or multiple choice questions. The first objective also involves identification of competition law issues and the provision of advice that will be assessed by way of an open-book test based on one or more given fact patterns. The second objective will be assessed by way of a paper on a topic of one’s choosing.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY
An overview of competition law will be provided through the reading of ALL the materials for the course (covering the entire syllabus) supplemented by lectures, case studies and problems. Pursuit of a particular area of interest in competition law will be based on a requirement to research and write a paper on a competition law topic of interest.

EVALUATION
The grade in the course will be based on the following:

(i) 40% of the final mark based on a paper of a minimum 7,500 (not including footnotes, table of contents or bibliography – roughly 30 double-spaced pages)). The paper can count as your major paper. You must chose the topic for the paper by Friday, January 31, 2020.

(ii) 10% of the mark for the paper will be based on a short class presentation of the paper.

(iii) 6% of the final mark will be based on class attendance with one-half mark being given for each class attended (to a maximum of 6 marks) beginning on Monday, January 20th and ending on Wednesday, March 18th. ??????

(iv) 4% of the final mark will be based on class attendance during the last four classes in the term with one mark being given for each of the last four classes attended (with class paper presentations being done during the final two weeks of class).

(v) 40% of the final mark based on four closed-book quizzes (counting for 10% each) that will be based on the materials for the course.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Attention is drawn to the University’s Policy on Academic Integrity at: http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2014/FACS/UnIn/UARe/PoAcI.html

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