

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2022-2023 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	LAW 315 Business Associations
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Kim Willey
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2023
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES</b>	LAW 105 or LAW 105I is a required prerequisite for this course. LAW 109 or LAW 109I is a required prerequisite for this course. LAW 315 <b>does not</b> satisfy the JD/JID requirement for LAW 315I Transsystemic Business Associations.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course introduces students to the main forms of business association used in Canada. The course focuses on general principles of law relating to sole proprietorships, partnerships, 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 proprietorships, partnerships, and corporations) 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 co-operatives, benefit corporations, business trusts, 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 current capital market conditions.

## **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. Students will be assigned groups, where they will work collaboratively on a number of problems, sometimes posting responses to the Brightspace site.

## **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

Mid-Term Take Home Assignment = 30%  
Final Take Home Open Book Exam = 55%  
Class Participation = 15%

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

**1 March 2022**

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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:lawmaass@uvic.ca)).