**OBJECTIVES**

This course examines the ethical and professional dimensions of the practice of law in Canada and other jurisdictions including the meanings of ethics and the nature of professionalism. The course offers an opportunity to students 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 their duties; admission to, governance of, and critical issues affecting the legal profession; self-reflection; and critical thinking about legal ethics and professionalism.

**TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

Class time will be divided between lectures, in class and small group discussions, exercises, and activities designed to achieve the course objectives such as small-group presentations to the entire class. 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 contribute their expertise to students’ enhanced understanding of the legal profession. The course is designed to satisfy the graduation requirements for call to the profession set by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada.

**EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

NB: this is preliminary and could change

The class is marked on a pass / fail basis. A student must pass each of the evaluative segments in order to pass the course, and a passing grade is C+ (minimum 65%).

**Class participation**: Students are required to punctually attend all classes, and to actively participate in group and class discussions.

**Written reflections**: Students are required to prepare and submit a series of written reflections.

**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.

There is no final exam.

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