COURSE: LAW 360 Legal Ethics and Professionalism
UNIT VALUE: 1.5 Units (condensed, 4 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR: Robert Lapper
TERM OFFERED: Summer 2019
CLASS TIMES: See schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES: LAW 360 Legal Ethics is a required course for the JD degree and the JD/JID Joint degree.

DESCRIPTION / OBJECTIVES

The course examines ethical and professional issues of the practice of law including the meanings of ethics and the nature of professionalism. The course covers the knowledge and skills needed to identify and address ethical dilemmas arising in a legal context. Topics such as the nature and scope of a lawyer's duties; admission to, governance of, and contemporary issues affecting the legal profession; critical thinking about legal ethics and professionalism and the future of regulation of the provision of legal services will be considered.

Objectives:

1. To introduce legal ethics and the regulation of lawyers
2. To identify and explore issues of professional responsibility

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Lectures, class discussions, exercises, and activities designed to achieve the course objectives.

Readings will introduce related issues and be the basis for discussions within the group and with guest speakers.

Guests from the profession and judiciary will contribute their expertise.

The course is designed to satisfy the requirements for call to the bar set by the Federation of Law Societies.

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 following course components in order to pass the course:

- Class participation: Students are required to attend all classes and participate in group and class discussions
- Written assignments: Students will submit written assignments as required.
- Class presentations: Students will prepare and periodically present on topics of choice from a list of issues.

There is no final exam.

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1 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).