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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
POLITICAL SCIENCE 3521- LAW AND SOCIETY  
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COURSE MATERIALS:  
Scarborough: Prentice-Hall Canada Inc. (Pearson Education)  
P. Harris, An Introduction to Law, 3rd Ed. London: Weidenfeld and Nicholson  
(This text need not be purchased. Selected chapters will be placed on reserve.)  

The above texts shall be supplemented by a selection of readings from current legal literature periodicals and case reports from courts in Newfoundland and Labrador and other Canadian jurisdictions. These supplementary materials shall be placed on reserve.  

EVALUATION:  
1. Class test - 5 marks (Tuesday October 17, 2006)  
2. Mid-term examination - 30 marks (Tuesday October 31, 2006)  
3. Research paper - 35 marks (Due Thursday November 16, 2006)*  
4. Final examination - 30 marks (Date to be scheduled by the Registrar's Office)  

*Please Note: Research papers received after November 16, 2006 shall be subject to a deduction of two (2) marks per day (out of the 35 marks allocated to the research paper) for every day (including weekdays and weekends) that the paper is overdue, until the paper is received. Research papers not received by November 23, 2006 shall not be accepted, and a grade of zero (0) out of 35 marks will be given for the research paper in that instance.  

RESEARCH PAPER:  
The research paper will provide students an opportunity to focus in greater detail on a topic relevant to the course. Students should decide on a research topic early in the term, and the topic should be discussed with and agreed to by the Instructor. The Instructor is available to give guidance regarding research materials for a particular topic and to ensure that the scope of the research paper is appropriate and manageable. The research paper shall be a maximum of 3000 words. More details concerning the research paper shall be provided in class.
POLITICAL SCIENCE 3521- TOPICAL OUTLINE

In addition to the readings listed below, supplementary readings shall be placed on reserve.

1. Introduction to Law
   Harris, Chapter 1
   Yates, Chapter 1

2. The Court System and Other Mechanisms for Dispute Resolution
   Yates, Chapters 5 and 6
   Harris, Chapter 6

3. Sources of Law and the Making of Legal Rules
   Yates, Chapters 2 and 3
   Harris, Chapter 7

4. Law and the Promotion and Protection of Civil Liberties
   Yates, Chapter 4
   Yates, Appendix - Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms

5. Law and Morality: The Regulation of Moral and Ethical Challenges in Society
   Harris, Chapter 2
   Discussion of Canadian cases dealing with the regulation of moral and ethical issues.

6. The Law's Response to Criminal Activity in Society - The Criminal Justice System
   Yates, Chapter 7
   Harris, Chapter 9

7. Tort Law and Damage Compensation for Civil Wrongs
   Yates, Chapter 8
   Harris, Chapter 8
8. The Law of Contract - Legal Regulation of Private Consensual Agreements
   Yates, Chapter 10
   Harris, Chapter 10

9. The Regulation of Economic Activity by Courts and Other Bodies
   Yates, Chapter 11
   Harris, Chapter 3

10. Legal Profession and Access to the Legal System
    Harris, Chapter 12

11. Law and the Regulation of Private Property (Provisional Topic)
    Yates, Chapters 9 and 12
    Harris, Chapter 5

12. Course Conclusion and Review