

## **FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC LAW**

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Office Hour (First Term): Mondays 11:30-12:30pm or by appointment.

### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

1. Documents Supplement, Fundamentals of Public Law (red cover) (bookstore)
2. Fundamentals of Public Law, Course Materials (Llewellyn, MacKay & Wildeman) (orange cover) (bookstore)
3. *Canadian Human Rights Act*, provided courtesy of the Canadian Human Rights Commission (distributed in class)

### **EVALUATION:**

1. 30% failsafe sit-down exam in December (i.e. it counts for 30% of your final grade if it helps you and not at all if it does not help you).
2. Final exam in the spring, worth either 100% or 70%, depending on whether it is higher than the December mark  
The final exam will consist of two parts:
  - a) a 30% take-home component, to be written in March; and
  - b) a 70% closed-book exam, to be written in the regular exam period in April.

**Note on Exams:** The December/April exams will utilize a program to enable the completion of the exam on computer. Students are generally expected to use their own laptop, but Law Library Computer Lab computers *may* be available. The distribution of the examination will be in the traditional way - by hard copy, and the exam will be invigilated at the Law School. The computer program (accessible to both MACS and PCs) will lock the computer out of everything except the word processing program (courier font) necessary to complete the exam. The program automatically backs up frequently. The submission of your answers at the end of the exam is done electronically. Detailed further instructions will be provided well in advance of the exam.

Any student not wishing to complete the exam on computer has the right to complete the exam in hand-writing in Dalhousie exam booklets.

### **CLASSES:**

Two 1½ hour classes per week.

Fall term class schedule: Mondays: 10:00am -11:30am & Wednesdays 1:00pm -2:30pm.

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

Professor Pothier is the faculty advisor to students with disabilities. Students wishing to discuss in-class accommodation or in-class study assistance needs should see Professor Pothier. Students seeking special accommodation with regard to any aspect of course evaluation (including exam deferrals and extensions to deadlines) must make an application to the Studies Committee. Academic regulations require such requests to be made as soon possible and, in any event, no later than the date on which the exam is to be written or the paper or other assignment is to be submitted. Students should contact Associate Dean Michael Deturbide or Assistant Dean Elizabeth Hughes for more information about requests for accommodation and about the Studies Committee process.

**READINGS FOR THE FIRST CLASS:** (Monday, September 14th)

1. Course objectives (just after title page in Volume I)
2. Chapter 1 Section A: The Development of Human Rights Legislation:  
Read up to and including: *Christie v. York*
3. glance through the while *Canadian Human Rights Act*; read carefully ss.1-15
4. In addition to the above readings, please prepare a brief “bio” for the first class that includes the following information: your name, where you lived before coming to law school, your studies previous to law school (what school(s), degree(s) and major(s)), why you came to law school (note: “because I love ‘Law and Order’” or “I had to do something” are perfectly acceptable answers) and tell me something interesting about yourself or something that is important to you (i.e. you have 18 cats or you can touch your tongue to your nose or you have always dreamed of working in international development).

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:**

Dalhousie University recently released the following statement on academic dishonesty:

Dalhousie University now subscribes to *Turnitin.com*, a computer based service which checks for originality in submitted papers. Any paper submitted by a student at Dalhousie University may be checked for originality to confirm that the student has not plagiarized from other sources. Plagiarism is considered a serious academic offence which may lead to loss of credit, suspension or expulsion from the University, or even the revocation of a degree. It is essential that there be a correct attribution of authorities from which facts and opinions have been derived.

At Dalhousie there are University Regulations which deal with plagiarism and, prior to submitting any paper in a course, students should read the Policy on Intellectual Honesty contained in the Calendar or on the Dalhousie web site at: <http://www.registrar.dal.ca/calendar/front/univregs.htm#INDEX014>.

The Senate has affirmed the right of any instructor to require that student papers be submitted in both written and computer readable format, and to submit any paper to a check such as that performed by *Turnitin.com*. As a student in this class, you are to keep an electronic copy of any paper you submit, and the course instructor may require you to submit that electronic copy on demand. Copies of student papers checked by this process will be retained by *Turnitin.com*.

Furthermore, the Law School’s *Regulations Handout, 2009-10*, distributed to all students, contains a section on “Avoiding Plagiarism in Legal Writing”. You should read that section carefully.

I take cases of academic dishonesty very seriously and will refer any apparent case to the Senate Discipline Committee as required by University regulations. If you have any questions or concerns about how to properly cite or attribute sources used in your submitted work, please come and speak with me or consult the reference librarians at the Law Library.