

**Tort Law and Damage Compensation  
2010-11**

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**Materials:**    *Tort Law: Cases and Materials*, by Ernest Weinrib, 3rd edition (2009).  
Additional reading will be distributed by email or handout.

**Meetings:**    Fall term: Mondays 12:30 to 2:00 in 304 and Thursdays, 9:00 to 10:30 in 406  
Winter term: Tuesdays, 10:30 to 12:00 in 308 and Thursdays 10:30 to 12:00 in 304

**Office Hours (fall term):** I am usually (but not invariably) free right after class on Mondays, so that's a good time to meet. In the fall term I will have an office hour on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00, so feel free to drop by then. If neither of those is convenient then contact me to arrange an appointment.

**Evaluation:** Your final mark will comprise an examination portion worth 60% and a non-exam portion worth 40%.

The exam portion is made up of a closed-book mid-term examination to be held on Friday, Dec. 10 from 2:00 until 3:30 and a final examination, also closed book, to be held on Monday, April 11 from 2:00 until 5:00. The mid-term examination is a practice exam. If you do better on your final exam then the mid-term does not count. If you do better on the mid-term, then your grade for the examination portion is made up of 30% of your mid-term mark and 70% of your mark on the final.

Examinations will be administered using Exam4 software. Instructions for downloading the software to your laptop computers will be provided by the Associate Dean's office in due course. The law school has a limited number of laptops that will be made available for exam purposes to students who do not have one. Students who wish to handwrite their exams must notify the Associate Dean's office in accordance with instructions that will be sent to all students.

The other 40% of your final mark is derived from three components. The first, worth 10% of your final grade, is a class participation mark based on your oral contributions to class discussions throughout the year. The other two are associated with an advocacy exercise to be held in the winter term: 15% of your final grade will be based on the written argument you will submit in that exercise, and the final 15% will be based on the oral argument you will deliver. More information on the advocacy exercise will be given in the winter term. Note the university's policy on academic honesty and plagiarism, available online in the law school's regulations.

Students seeking special accommodation with regard to course evaluation, such as exam deferral and extensions to deadlines, should consult with Associate Dean Michael Deturbide or Assistant Dean Elizabeth Hughes as soon as possible, and before an exam is scheduled to be written or an assignment is due. Requests for special accommodation for reasons such as illness or personal circumstances will require an application to the Law School Studies Committee. Students should contact Associate Dean Michael Deturbide or Assistant Dean Elizabeth Hughes if they require more information about the Studies Committee process. Students wishing to discuss arrangements for classroom assistance should see Professor Wildeman, the law faculty advisor to students with disabilities.

Students may request accommodation as a result of barriers related to disability, religious obligation, or any characteristic under the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act. Students who require academic accommodation for the writing of tests and exams should make their request to the Office of Student Accessibility & Accommodation (OSAA) prior to or at the outset of each academic term (with the exception of X/Y courses). Please see [www.studentaccessibility.dal.ca](http://www.studentaccessibility.dal.ca) for more information and to obtain Form A – Request for Accommodation. Students may also contact the Office of Student Accessibility & Accommodation directly at 494-2836, and they may contact Associate Dean Michael Deturbide or Assistant Dean Elizabeth Hughes for more information.

#### READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Sept. 13	Reading cases	pp. iii and 18-25
16	Torts: the international context	Bouzari (handout)
20	Nuisance	1-7
23	“ “	7-16
27	“ “	16-31
30	“ “	31-42 + handout