

FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2024-2025 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)¹

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| COURSE | LAW 309 The Law of Evidence |
| UNIT VALUE | 1.5 Units (3 hours per week) |
| INSTRUCTOR | Michelle S. Lawrence |
| TERM OFFERED | Fall 2024 |
| CLASS TIMES | See schedule |
| PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES | LAW 309 is a required prerequisite for LAW 356 Advocacy LAW 309 is a recommended prerequisite for LAW 350 The Law Centre |

OBJECTIVES AND COURSE DESCRIPTION

The law of evidence provides the parameters through which *facts* are determined within the adjudicative process, and thus the manner in which *truth* is defined for legal purposes. It is on the basis of these facts that findings of liability are made. Counsel require an informed appreciation of the law of evidence, so that they can advise clients with respect to the preservation of evidence in anticipation of litigation and make proper use of that evidence in subsequent proceedings.

The objectives of this course are:

1. To introduce the substantive law of evidence and consider the manner in which it is applied in practice;
2. To identify principles of fairness and conceptualizations of justice underlying the law of evidence; and
3. To explore issues of professional responsibility related to the preservation and use of evidence.

METHODOLOGY

Instruction will be comprised of lectures, skill development exercises, formative practice problems, and class discussion.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Evaluation will be based on the results of an open book final examination. Examination questions worth at least 40% of the marks in the final examination will be released in advance of the examination date.

May 2024

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