FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

2024-25 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)1

COURSE LAW 326B Labour Law

UNIT VALUE 1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)

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TERM OFFERED Spring 2025
CLASS TIMES See Schedule

PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITE LAW 105/105I Contracts is a required prerequisite for LAW 326B

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The relationship between employers and workers has a significant impact on the society. Labour relations interlink with societal issues such as equity and inclusion, social justice, and economic development. With some of the leading economic conflicts emanating from the workplace, labour relations regimes are devised to regulate labour-management relationships and resolve workplace-related disputes. This course focuses on the British Columbia labour relations legal system, which includes the BC Labour Code and case law. Institutions, legal principles and practices governing unionized workplaces will be analyzed, including union organization and representation, collective bargaining, union duty of fair representation and grievance resolution. The topics explored will be situated within the broader context of human rights principles, such as recognition and protection of rights, duty to accommodate and right of association.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

By completing the assigned readings, attending classes and participating in the different learning activities, students will be able to identify and address labour relations problems, recognize the laws, leading cases, and legal principles applicable to regulating unionized work environments and understand how conflicts are resolved under a collective bargaining regime. Students will learn to apply labour laws and principles to practical issues arising from unionized workplaces.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course will be delivered in a lecture format. In addition to lectures, class time will involve class discussions and activities.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

All students registered in this course are required to write a three-hour open-book final examination.

Option A: The default assessment is a 100% final exam.

Option B: Students can sign up for a group assignment and graded class participation (40%) and final exams (60%).

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