

**FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA**  
**2024-25 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION (PCIS)<sup>1</sup>**

<b>COURSE</b>	LAW 343 International Criminal Justice
<b>UNIT VALUE</b>	1.5 Units (3 hours of instruction per week)
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	Asad Kiyani
<b>TERM OFFERED</b>	Spring 2025
<b>CLASS TIMES</b>	See Schedule
<b>PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITE</b>	None

### **OBJECTIVES**

This course provides an overview of the theory, practice and context of international criminal justice. Students will learn about the origins of individual criminal responsibility for international crimes; the historical development of international criminal law; the rationales and justifications for international criminal punishment; the definitions and development of the 'core' international crimes; intersection between national and international jurisdiction for the prosecutions of international crimes; the basic practice of various international criminal tribunals; and, alternatives to formal criminal trials. Although this course does not study the substantive definitions of international crimes in-depth, students will become familiar with basic principles of international crimes as well.

In canvassing these issues, the course will focus attention on the colonial dimensions of international criminal law, including an examination of Canada's relationship to Indigenous peoples.

### **TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

This class is taught as a discussion-led, seminar-style course. Class time will be divided between lectures by the instructor, and class presentations and discussions that are led by students. Readings will introduce and explore related issues, and students will direct discussions within the group.

### **EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

*NB – this is preliminary and subject to change*

#### Mandatory:

1. Reading Reflections – 10%
2. Research Exercises – 10%
3. Presentation (or equivalent) – 20%
4. Research Project/Paper Proposal – 10%
5. Research Project/Paper – 50%

Students who wish to pursue a Research Project in lieu of Research Paper may only do so with the permission of the instructor.

Students may also satisfy their Major Research Paper (MRP) through this course, but only with the permission of the instructor. Students who pursue an MRP will see their evaluation components change to reflect the added requirements of the MRP.

*May 2024*

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<sup>1</sup> The information in this document is provided for course registration purposes only and is **subject to change**. More detailed course information about course content and evaluation will be provided upon the commencement of the course. Students seeking additional information about the course prior to its commencement may contact the instructor or, if no instructor is listed, the Law front office ([law.student.services@uvic.ca](mailto:law.student.services@uvic.ca))