

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA
2024-25 COURSE REGISTRATION - PRELIMINARY COURSE INFORMATION SUMMARY¹

COURSE	LAW 356-2 Advocacy
UNIT VALUE	2.0 Units (4 hours of instruction per week)
INSTRUCTOR	Jess Patterson
TERM OFFERED	Spring 2025
CLASS TIMES	See Schedule
PREREQUISITES/COREQUISITES	LAW 309 Evidence is a required prerequisite for LAW 356

OBJECTIVES

To introduce and familiarize students with basic trial advocacy techniques including:

- opening statements
- direct examination
- cross examination and impeachment
- exhibits
- trial ethics
- legal submissions
- objections and arguments on points of evidence
- closing argument

METHODOLOGY

Lectures, class discussions, demonstrations, and class exercises. There are 2-3 short written assignments. The course will consist of a series of mock trial exercises including witness examinations, opening and closing arguments. A full mocktrial will be conducted at the end of term.

EXPECTED EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Pass/Fail

Students are required to attend all classes and be prepared to participate in all assigned and spontaneous exercises. Attendance on all three nights of mock trials on the last week of class is **MANDATORY**. Actual dates for those mock trials will be scheduled at the outset of the term, based on the availability of all students and any scheduling conflicts. Students who are unable to attend all three mock trial sessions should not register for this course.

Two unexcused absences will result in a **FAIL**. Instructors may excuse absences where appropriate reasons are provided. In keeping with the health and safety advice of the BC Government and the Provincial Health Officer, medical documentation will not be required to substantiate absences. We ask that you discuss these matters with the instructors at the earliest opportunity.

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¹ 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, law.studentservices@uvic.ca.