



**Bow Valley  
College**

## **Course Outline**

**LEGL1101**

Introduction to Canadian  
Law

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## LEGL1101 Introduction to Canadian Law

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of Canadian civil and criminal law, its history, and structure. The civil law component provides the learner with foundational knowledge of the operation civil legal systems and the interests involved. The course explores Canadian criminal law through the examination of constitutional law, including the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as the substantive and procedural law contained in the Criminal Code. Learners then examine legal concepts and systems from the perspectives of corrections, youth justice, and Indigenous populations.

REQUISITES	None
EQUIVALENTS	None
CREDITS	3
HOURS	45
ELIGIBLE FOR PLAR	No

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Bow Valley College is committed to ensuring our graduates can demonstrate their abilities in key areas that will make them effective citizens and encourage their development as lifelong learners. In addition to the discipline-specific skills that learners acquire in their programs, the College has identified ten learning outcomes.

#### College-Wide Outcomes:

1. Communication
2. Thinking Skills
3. Numeracy and Financial Literacy
4. Working with Others
5. Digital Literacy
6. Positive Attitudes and Behaviours
7. Continuous Learning
8. Health and Wellness Awareness
9. Citizenship and Intercultural Competence
10. Environmental Sustainability

#	COURSE LEARNING OUTCOME(S)	COLLEGE WIDE OUTCOMES SUPPORTED
1	Describe and distinguish between the sources of Canadian law	1, 2, 6, 9
2	Distinguish between civil and criminal law	1, 2, 7, 9
3	Discuss the legal rights protected by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms	1, 2, 6, 9
4	Explain the procedural and substantive law that is utilized in the criminal justice system	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7

## COURSE MODULES AND SCHEDULE

*\*Course schedule subject to change, depending on delivery mode and term of study. For exact dates, please consult the Course Offering Information in Brightspace.*

### WEEK/HOURS MODULES

Week 1	Ch. 1 – What is Law
Week 2	Ch. 2 – Common Law, Civil Law, and Other Legal Systems
Week 3	Ch. 3 – From the Reception of English and French Law Into Canada to the Charter, Learning Activity #1 Due
Week 4	Quiz #1, Ch. 4 – The Legislature: First Branch Of Government
Week 5	Ch. 5 - The Executive: The Second Branch of Government, Ch. 6 - The Judiciary: The Third Branch of Government
Week 6	Ch.7 – Civil Liberties, Learning Activity #2 Due
Week 7	Assignment #1 Due, Midterm Exam
Week 8	Ch. 8 - Private Law I – Tort Law and Contract Law
Week 9	Ch. 9 – Private Law II: Property and Family Law, Learning Activity #3 Due
Week 10	Ch. 12 – Criminal Law
Week 11	READING WEEK
Week 12	Ch. 14 – Other Areas of Law: An Overview, Quiz #2
Week 13	Ch. 15 – The Legal Profession, Ch. 16 – Legal Ethics, Learning Activity #4 Due
Week 14	Ch. 17 – Access to Justice and Law Reform, Assignment #2 Due
Week 15	Final Exam

## ASSESSMENT

COURSE  
LEARNING ASSESSMENT WEIGHT  
OUTCOME(S)

1, 2, 3, or 4	Quizzes (minimum of 2)	10%
1, 2, 3, or 4	Assignments (minimum of 2)	20%
1, 2, 3, or 4	Learning Activities or Discussion Posts (minimum of 4)	20%
1, 2, 3, or 4	Exams (minimum of 2)	50%

Important: For details on each assignment and exam, please see the Course Offering Information.

## PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

A minimum grade of D is required to pass this course. However, a program may require a higher grade in this course to progress in the program or to meet specific program completion requirements.

Please consult with the program area or contact the program chair for further details. A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 is required for graduation.

## GRADING SCHEME

Grade	Percentage	Grade Point	Description
A+	95-100	4.0	Exceptional: superior knowledge of subject matter
A	90-94	4.0	Excellent: outstanding knowledge of subject matter
A-	85-89	3.67	
B+	80-84	3.33	
B	75-79	3.0	Very Good: knowledge of subject matter generally mastered
B-	70-74	2.67	
C+	67-69	2.33	
C	64-66	2.0	Satisfactory/Acceptable: knowledge of subject matter adequately mastered

C-	60-63	1.67	
D+	57-59	1.33	
D	50-56	1.0	Minimal Pass
F	Less than 50	0.0	Fail: an unsatisfactory performance

## REQUIRED LEARNING RESOURCES

Fairlie, J. Sworden, P. (2020). Introduction to Law in Canada (2nd ed.). Emond.

Additional learning resources may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Brightspace.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

During the course, references may be made to the Criminal Code of Canada and other Canadian legislation, which is available for review at: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/>

Additional information may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Brightspace.

## ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Learners with a disability (learning, physical, and/or mental health) may qualify for academic and exam accommodations. For more information, or to apply for accommodations, learners should make an appointment with Accessibility Services in the Learner Success Services (LSS) Department. Accessibility Services can also assist learners who may be struggling with learning but do not have a formal diagnosis. To make an appointment visit LSS on the first floor of the south campus or call 403-410-1440. It is the learner's responsibility to contact Accessibility Services and request academic accommodations. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/accessibility>.

## INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Bow Valley College is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Learners are urged to become familiar with and uphold the following policies: Academic Honesty (500-1-7), Learner Code of Conduct, Procedures and Guidelines (500-1-1), Learner Appeals (500-1-12), Attendance (500-1-10),

Grading (500-1-6), Academic Continuance and Graduation (500-1-5), and Electronic Communications (300-2-13). Audio or video recording of lectures, labs, seminars, or any other teaching and learning environment by learners is allowed only with consent of the instructor as part of an approved accommodation plan. Recorded material is to be used solely for personal study and is not being used or distributed without prior written consent from the instructor.

### **Turnitin:**

Students may be required to submit their course work to Turnitin, a third-party service provider engaged by BVC. Turnitin identifies plagiarism by checking databases of electronic books and articles, archived webpages, and previously submitted student papers. Students acknowledge that any course work or essays submitted to Turnitin will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where it will be used solely to detect plagiarism. The terms that apply to a student's use of Turnitin are described on Turnitin.com.

### **Online Exam Proctoring:**

Examinations for this course may require proctoring through an online proctoring service. Online proctoring enables online exam taking within a controlled and monitored environment, thereby enhancing academic integrity. Online proctoring may occur through a variety of methods, including but not limited to:

- a. live online proctoring where a remote invigilator authenticates identity and observes completion of an exam using specialized software and recordings;
- b. automated proctoring where the exam session is recorded and AI (artificial intelligence) analyzed;
- c. browser lockdown that limits access to other applications, websites, copying, printing, screen capture and other functions; or
- d. a combination of both live/automated proctoring and browser lockdown.

Course instructors will review recordings, analyses, and data obtained through online proctoring for academic integrity infractions. It is the student's responsibility to meet the technical, software, location, and identity verification requirements necessary to enable online proctoring.

Further details of these policies are available in the Academic Calendar and on the Bow Valley College website, [bowvalleycollege.ca](http://bowvalleycollege.ca).

Learners are encouraged to keep a copy of this course outline for future reference.