

**Understanding Canadian Law (CLU3M)  
Grade 11 University/College Preparation  
Syllabus**

**Course Description**

This course explores legal issues that directly affect students' lives. Students will acquire a practical knowledge of Canada's legal system and learn how to analyse legal issues. They will also be given opportunities to develop informed opinions on legal issues and to defend those opinions and communicate legal knowledge in a variety of ways and settings, including legal research projects, mock trials, and debates.

**Why Take This Course?**

As Christians we have a duty to know and understand the process by which authority is passed on to us. We also have the unique and blessed opportunity to shape and administrate the laws of our land. This course lays the foundations of the legal framework and challenges us to think about the degree to which our legal system is in tune with Christ's examples of justice and grace.

**Unit Summary**

The course will include five units. Each unit will include readings from the text, notes, selected articles, an opinion paper and a summative test.

<b>Unit Title and Number</b>	<b>Unit Description</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Text book page numbers</b>
1. Introduction to Law	This unit answers questions such as: Why do we need law? What are the different divisions of law? What is the history of law in Canada? What are Human Rights?	22	1-98
2. Criminal Law	This unit answers the following questions: What is a crime? Who formulates Criminal Law? What is the Criminal Code? What are the different types of crimes? Who may arrest? What procedures are in place? How are youths treated by the legal system?	42	101-306

3. Tort and Dispute Resolution	This unit answers the following questions: What is a Tort? What are the different types of torts? How does dispute resolution work?	12	309-376
4. Family Law	This unit answers the following questions: How do we deal with marriage and divorce? What protections are given to children?	12	381-486
5. Contract Law	This unit answers the following questions: What are the elements of a legal contract? What happens when a contract is broken? What are the parameters for landlords and tenants?	22	489-597

**Evaluation:**

Tests	40%
Assignments	30%
Current affairs	15%
Exam	15%

## **General Procedure:**

Since this class is highly interactive and requires a fair bit of public speaking, the safety of each student is important. Because of this, some measures will be in place which should help create this safe environment.

**1) Think before you speak.**

**2) Answer questions through the proper channels.** That channel would be your instructor. In other words, ALL prospective answers **MUST** be acknowledged by the teacher before you actually answer the question.

**3) Respect yourself and each other.**