*"Ignorance of the Law is no excuse."*

**Law 12**                      **Course Outline**              *Mr.* **Kuniss**

**The approach to the course is to have fun in a non-threatening environment. It isn't important to have a background in law. What the course will offer is a basic understanding of the law and how it is applied in everyday situations. A 1ot of class discussion will focus on principles of law associated with criminal law, civil law family law and the Youth Justice Act. There will be numerous guest speakers who will discuss their area of experience such as civil and criminal lawyers, judges, police officers, etc. Field trips are planned to see provincial and Supreme Court cases, a law firm, the police museum; to name a few...**

**This is a course that requires reading. Be sure to come to class prepared with notes from your readings so that you can participate productively. Class notes and reading notes form an integral part of your learning experience and mark.**

**Course Topics**              *Law 12 Course Outline ( not in order)*

- **Civil and Legal Rights, Law and Society, and the Classification of Law.**

- **How laws are made, the constitution, statute law and common law, as well as the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Human Rights**

- **Criminal Law, the Criminal Court System, Investigations and Arrest, Criminal Offenses, Defenses, Sentencing and Criminal Law for Young people.**

- **Tort law,** both unintentional and intentional

- **Contract Law** and

- Examine key elements of **Family Law**

**Law 12 Course Work**

**Term 1**: Topics: Mock Trial/Introduction to Criminal/civil law, Court System ( visit to provincial court ½ day and full day) History of Law, Law and Justice, Human Rights, Charter of Rights and Freedoms
**Term 2**: Topics: Criminal Law, Youth Crime, Intentional Tort (Assault, Battery, False Imprisonment, Trespass to Property and Chattels, Defamation)
**Term 3: Topics**:  Unintentional Tort (Negligence, Product Liability), Contract Law, Family Law

| Evaluation: | |
|---|---|
| **Tests / quizzes/** | 70% |
| **Class discussion, Debates, Participation, Seminar, Homework, Class Notes** | 15 % |
| Bizarre cases, case studies, Research work, , horrific cases, Seminar | |
| **Group work/ Independent work**: | 15 % |
| **Guest Speaker    ( Term 1 and 2 )** | ( 15 % of term 2 ) |

- **Guest speaker**: You will be assigned to a group to identify a controversial area of law, and invite a representative from an organization that will help our class understand the issues related- to this area of law. You will given either Term 1 or 2 to bring in the speaker. Refer to the guest speaker handout for more information. ( 15 % of your Term 2 mark )
    Examples might include police officer, community leaders, politicians, lawyers, officers of the court, including such organizations as, Amnesty International or **LEAF**

- **I cannot believe that is a law**

- **Weird /bizarre and Unusual Cases**: You and your partner will present an unusual/bizarre/funny case involving any area of law.

- **Horrific Historic cases: You and your partner will present a horrific case …..serial killer, etc. Power point.**

- **Social Justice Seminar**: You and a partner will be responsible to lead a discussion on a **controversial issue through a visual presentation**

- **Law Movie/ Film Criticism**:  Each term we will watch **1 movie** that demonstrates an area of law.
    - **Term 1  12 Angry Men**
    - **Term 2 Erin Brockovich**
    - **Term 3  Class choice**

- **Letter writing campaign:**  I will be bringing in a representative from either LEAF or Amnesty International to introduce a controversial topic of law where we as a class can decide what action we can take to move to resolving the issue.


- **Current legal issues.**

- **Field Trip:** Your class will be visiting a Federal and Provincial Court  during Term 1, 2 and 3... and possibly E-COMM. To accomplish this there will be- a cost of covering the **EOC** to allow us to **have these opportunities**

- **Who likes Bonus**? Any forum, workshop-, book outside of class that deals with any aspect of the Law, will constitute as enrichment and you will receive bonus marks. All you need to do is provide a brief write up of the presentation, receipt and contact person. That's it.  ( **up to 15 marks**)