

# New Westminster Online Learning School

## Law Studies 12:

### Course Description

Law Studies 12 introduces students to how laws work and why they matter. The course covers legal rights and responsibilities, how laws affect daily life, and how they can support tradition or lead to change. Students will explore areas such as criminal and civil law.

### Big Ideas

The following points are taken from the Law Studies 12 BC Curriculum:

- Understanding legal rights and responsibilities allows citizens to participate more fully in society
- Laws can maintain the status quo and can also be a force for change.
- A society's laws and legal framework affect many aspects of people's daily lives.
- Laws are interpreted and these interpretations may evolve over time as a society's values and world views change.

\*The curricular competency and learning standards are available [here](#) .

### Expectations and Guidelines

- Students are expected to log in at least three times a week and submit the first activity within 2 weeks of enrolling and to finish the course in about four months. (Students who do not log in for more than a week, participate, or communicate with the instructor will receive two notifications via Brightspace course mail. No response within a week may lead to withdrawal.)
- A maximum of two items may be submitted per week.
- Students are expected to use Brightspace course mail to contact the teacher.

- All submitted work must be original and reflect the student's own thinking and voice. If authorship is unclear, supervised in-class handwritten writing may be arranged by the instructor to support academic integrity.

### **Course Content**

Module 0	Course Introduction
Module 1	Foundations of Law
Module 2	Criminal Law
Module 3	Civil Law
Module 4	Aboriginal Law and Family Law

### **Student Learning Activities**

All lessons, assignments, and assessments are online and include text, videos, and website links. Taking notes and keeping them organized in a binder is valuable.

### **Assessment**

This course includes five assignments and four projects.

A draft may be emailed for feedback before final submission, or support can be requested during the teacher's office hours. To schedule an appointment, students are encouraged to contact the teacher using Brightspace course mail.

Final marks are based on overall progress and how well learning standards are met with a focus on fairness and consistency.

\*Work cannot be submitted during break. Students are encouraged to use these times to rest and recharge.

### **Resources**

All materials are online, so access to a reliable internet is essential. No textbook or workbook is required.

**Thank you.**