

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 446-4 (D1.00)

LAW FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER

(Cat. #21680)

Summer Session 1994  
(June 27 - August 5)  
Monday & Wednesday, 8:30-12:20  
Location: MPX 7500F

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**PREREQUISITE:** 60 hours of credit. (No prior legal knowledge or experience is required.)

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This introductory law course will provide teachers, administrators and undergraduates interested in teaching with a basic understanding of the Canadian legal system. The course begins with a brief look at the nature and purpose of law, where laws come from, the structure of the court system, and how laws are grouped into different areas. Once the foundational framework is in place, students will examine specific areas of law, focusing on important principles and concepts as well as the processes used to resolve legal disputes. Areas of law to be studied include:

- criminal and young offender law
- tort law
- family law
- contract and consumer law
- individual rights and freedoms (human rights, Charter rights)

Classroom activities will incorporate teaching strategies that are particularly appropriate for teaching about the law, such as mock trials, role playing, small group discussions, and use of community resources.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation, short weekly assignments, and a research paper or unit plan. There will be no final examinations

**REQUIRED TEXT**

Richard Yates & Ruth Yates. Canada's Legal Environment. Prentice Hall Canada.  
A set of readings will be available in class for \$10.00.

**TEXTS ON RESERVE**

Susan Unger (1989). Introduction to Law. IPI Publishing Ltd.  
Gerald Gall (1990). The Canadian Legal System. Carswell.  
Roger Salhany (Hon.) (1986). The Origin of Rights.  
Roland Case (1989). Understanding Charter Decisions: A Guide to Judicial Reasoning and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. IPI Publishing Ltd.