

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 487-4

SPECIAL TOPICS: LAW FOR THE CLASSROOM TEACHER

Regular Summer Semester, 1991  
(May 6 – August 2)  
Thursday, 5:30 – 9:20 p.m.  
Location: MPX 8542

Instructor: Carmen Samuda-Lehman

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**PREREQUISITE:** Educ 401/402, or the equivalent of first year practicum.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This introductory law course is designed to provide teachers and administrators with practical knowledge of Canadian law and the legal process. A broad range of legal topics and concepts will be covered. No prior legal knowledge or experience is required. The course begins with a brief look at the history of our legal system and its institutions (i.e. the court system). Legal ethics are examined in the process. In addition, other areas of the law that will be discussed include:

- criminal law
- tort law and negligence
- family law (divorce, custody, maintenance)
- the Young Offender's Act
- contract law
- constitutional law and the Charter of Rights
- aboriginal rights
- environmental law

**REQUIRED TEXT**

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**TEXTS ON RESERVE**

S.M. Waddams. (1983). Introduction to the Study of Law (2nd Edition). Toronto: Carswell.

G. Gall. (1983). The Canadian Legal System (2nd Edition). Toronto: Carswell.

M.E. Manley-Casimir, & T.A. Sussel. (1986). Courts in the Classroom: Education and the Charter of Rights. Calgary: Detselig Press.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation (20 %), an in-class presentation (40%), and a research paper (40%).