

Mr. Myers
Law 12 Course Outline
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Successful students...

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend class. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actively participate in lessons. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrive to class on time. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work to the best of their ability. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behave respectfully towards staff and students. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actively participate in their own lives |

Course Description

Citizens should know their legal rights and responsibilities. Knowledge of the law is presupposed in our legal system, as illustrated by the maxim, “ignorance of the law is no excuse.” It follows that students should understand how laws are applied and reviewed.

The relevance of legal studies extends beyond students’ need to know about the legal system and content of law. Students also need to understand the role of law and the benefits of the legal system. Legally literate students are more likely to become active, informed, and productive citizens, and are better equipped to participate effectively in a democratic society and recognize what conduct is regulated by law.

Goals for Law 12

Law 12 fosters skills and attitudes that enhance students’ abilities to address legal, social, and ethical issues, and reflect critically on the role of law in society. The study of law also promotes the skills and abilities needed to clearly express ideas, argue effectively and logically, and accurately interpret the written word.

Evaluation

Students will be assessed based on their contributions and performance in the classroom debates, presentations, assignments, research essay and culminating in the mock trial performance. Please note that this class uses a cumulative marking system.

Late Assignments

Late assignments will be accepted throughout the year, prior to the end of the term in which they were assigned. Late assignments will receive no feedback. Work that has not been completed during the allotted time will not be accepted and students will be required to complete a different assignment in order to receive a completion mark. All major assignments must be completed in order to pass the course.

Although some assignments are designed to be completed during one class, many will be submitted at a later date. Assignments not designed to be submitted by the end of class can be submitted in any of the following manners:

- Presented to me in person by 3:00
- Submitted to the office to be placed in my mailbox by 4:00
- Emailed to me by 9:00 pm (a photo of the document may be submitted)

**please note that a hard copy must be provided on the following day for emailed submissions*

Student Absence

Regular attendance is crucial for success in this course. Students absent from class must make arrangements for missed tests, assignments etc. The onus is on the student to remain up to date with all assignments. An absence does not exclude a student from any assigned work.

Materials

- You will need a binder with dividers
- You will need to bring a pencil, a pen (blue or black ink), a pen (red ink) and a highlighter.
- We are going to a “bring your own device” model. You will be advised when to bring a computer.

Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offences. Any student caught plagiarizing or cheating will receive a zero for that assignment and will not be given an opportunity to make up the mark. Parents and school administrators will be notified and a record of the incident will be placed in the student’s permanent record. Additional consequences may result as per the school and NVSD plagiarism policies.

Electronics policy

While it is true that electronic devices have their place in education and can be beneficial to learning in classrooms at Windsor, electronic devices can also be a significant disruption to the learning environment when not used responsibly. Each day instructional time is lost due to cell phone use (e.g. talking, texting, games, etc.) and the use of other electronic devices. Issues of academic dishonesty have arisen with the evolution of technology. Moreover, devices with photo or recording capabilities can pose significant safety and legal issues for students and the general school community. If student learning is being affected by the use of their electronic device, the phone will be removed at the discretion of the teacher in accordance with Windsor policy.

Food and drink

Students will be permitted to eat healthy snacks in class. Students may have a water bottle on their desk. All food related garbage must be picked up or this privilege will be revoked for all classes. No food or drinks will be permitted in the computer lab.

Cleanliness and recycling

Clean up after yourself! Don’t leave scrap papers behind. I am not your mother. There is a recycling bin for paper and a recycling bin for bottles. Please use them.

My Office Hours

I do not keep regular office hours throughout the school year due to my involvement in various Windsor sports and extra-curricular activities. I am usually in my classroom by 8:00 if you need to see me but students are advised to make an appointment with me.

Respect

I will not tolerate any form of discrimination or disrespect in my classroom. Everyone has the right to feel safe, equal and valued. Students who are not able to adhere to this policy will be sent to the office for disciplinary action and may be refused re-entry to my classroom.