

Justice Institute of British Columbia COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code: SRT101

Course Title: Legal Studies

Prerequisite Courses:

Sponsoring Division: Courts Academy

Previous Course Code & Title: DSER001 Legal Aspects

Course Effective Date: July 2008

# of Credits:	2.0
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Course Description:

- This course introduces the students to the Canadian justice system as well s the BC courts system. It explains the legal basis for the deputy sheriff to function as a peace officer and covers the major policies and procedures within Sheriff Services that ensure the deputy sheriff operates within a defined role. Relevant sections of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and of the *Criminal Code of Canada* are explained.

Course Goal(s):

- The objective of this course is to provide students with the skills to effectively apply the law while acting in the role of a deputy sheriff.

Course Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, the participant will be able to:

- Define risk management in the job of a deputy sheriff
- State the duties of a peace officer involved in an arrest and discuss all aspects of arrest as they apply to the duties of a deputy sheriff
- Describe the use of force and limitations on the use of force as applied to the duties of a deputy sheriff (sections 25 and 26 of the *Criminal Code*).
- Describe the power of search and seizure and limitations on the power of search and seizure as applied to the duties of a deputy sheriff
- State the elements of the charge of obstructing a peace officer
- State the legal interpretation of each of the essential elements of the charge of obstructing a peace officer
- State the obstruction warning
- Apply the appropriate statutes in hypothetical scenarios

Course Topics/Content:

- Deputy sheriff in the criminal justice system
- Introduction to criminal law
- Deputy sheriff code of conduct
- Professionalism
- Risk management
- Deputy sheriff as a peace officer
- Power of arrest
- Use of force as it pertains to deputy sheriffs in the legal execution of their duties
- Search and seizure
- Obstructing a peace officer

Text and Resource Materials: Use APA style; specify chapters where applicable. ([APA Style Guidelines](#))

Required:

- Criminal Code of Canada
- Sheriff's Policy Manual
- Other supplied course material

Recommended:

Course Level:

	First Year		Second Year		Third Year		Fourth Year
	Other (describe):						

Equivalent Course(s) within the JIBC:

N/A

Class Delivery Methods:

Some courses are delivered using a range of methods within one class (course section) or alternative methods in different classes. Please outline the most common delivery options used for this course. The total class hours should be the same for each option.

Delivery Methods	Class Option A (Hours)	Class Option B (Hours)	Class Option C (Hours)	Class Option D (Hours)
Classroom/Lecture/Discussion	28			
Simulation/Lab				
Practicum/Fieldwork				
Online				
Correspondence				
Total Class Hours	28			

Comments on Delivery Methods:

- Face-to-face

Related Program(s): (where applicable)

Credit Transfer exists at: (List Institutions with official transfer agreements and name equivalent courses)

Course Grading System:

Check the system that applies to this course:

	Letter Grades	x	Percentage		Pass/Fail		Credit/No Credit
	Complete/Incomplete		Attendance Only		Not Applicable		

Passing Grade:	B
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NOTE: the above reflects the overall passing requirements for Legal Studies

JIBC Standard Grading Scale for Letter, Grade Point and % Grades:

Letter Grade	Grade Points	% Range	Letter Grade	Grade Points	% Range
A+	4.33	90-100	C+	2.33	64-67
A	4.00	85-89	C	2.00	60-63
A-	3.67	80-84			
B+	3.33	76-79	C-	1.67	56-59
B	3.00	72-75	D	1.00	50-55
B-	2.67	68-71	F	0.00	0-49

Evaluation Activities and Weighing: (complete the %'s which apply – total must equal 100%)

Final Exam	70%	Assignments	%	Project	%	Capstone Project	%
Midterm Exam	%	Portfolio	%	Participation	10%	Other	%
Quizzes/Test	20%	Simulations	%	Practicum	%	TOTAL	100%

Comments on Evaluation:

DSER001	out of	weighted
Quiz #1	/36	5%
Quiz # 2	/20	5%
Quiz #3	/29	5%
Quiz #4	/20	5%
Exam	/100	70%
Participation	10	10%

70% on the final exam is required to pass the exam.

Other Course Guidelines, Procedures and Comments:

A student who fails the written exam will be given one opportunity to rewrite it. If a student fails the course, the Employer will determine the appropriate course of action.

View the Justice Institute of BC Policies listed below at:

<http://www.jibc.bc.ca/studentServices/main/AcademicServices/policies.htm>

Access Policy
Harassment Policy
Prior Learning Assessment Policy
Student Code of Conduct

Academic Appeals Policy
Intellectual Property Rights Policy
Research on Human Subjects: Ethics
Student Records