

ADD/DROP MEMO UPDATE #2 – Sept. 02, 2010

2010-11 add/drops are now underway!

I would like to bring these changes to your attention to assist you in your course registrations:

1. Law 341 and Law 342 Alternative Dispute Resolution – Fall 2010

As announced in our previous memo, Ms. Maureen Gauci will be teaching both of these classes. The method of evaluation for Law 341 has now been updated on the web to read: 40% paper, 30% class participation and 30% short writing assignments.

2. Law 689 – Legality and the Law (Prof. Green) – Fall 2010

This two-credit course is being offered by Prof. Les Green of Oxford, one of the leading legal theorists in the English-speaking world, joins Queen's Law on a part-time appointment as Professor of Law and Distinguished University Fellow in the Philosophy of Law. During September and October he will teach a two-credit seminar course.

Course Description: Law 689- Legality and the Rule of Law

This two-credit seminar will explore the nature and value of the rule of law through a critical examination of the work of some contemporary legal philosophers. Among the problems we will consider are the following: What features in a legal system contribute to realizing the rule of law? What is "legality"? What is the relationship between the rule of law and the rule of good law? Is it always a virtue, other things being equal, to apply valid legal rules? How far is the rule of law consistent with the indeterminacy of law or with discretionary decision-making? Is the rule of law, as E.P. Thompson once suggested, an "unqualified human good"? Should the rule of law ever be sacrificed for sake of other goods?

Course Scheduling: Tuesdays, Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5th; Thursdays, Sept. 16, 23, 30 and Oct. 7th – 6:00 – 9:00 pm – MAC 400

Course Method of Evaluation: 15-20 page paper including prior bibliographic note (4 pgs)

Note: Students may approach Prof. Green to write a longer paper for this course for purposes of meeting our Substantial Term Paper requirement.

3. Law 608 – Advanced Corporate Law – Winter 2011

Mr. Rob Nicholls of Stikeman Elliott (<http://www.stikeman.com/cps/rde/xchg/se-en/hs.xsl/Profile.htm?ProfileID=15760>) will be co-instructing this course with Mr. Brett Seifred of Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg (http://www.dwpv.com/en/17625_21148.aspx) in the upcoming winter 2011 term.

4. Law 416 – Sentencing and Imprisonment – Winter 2011

This seminar course is being taught by Priscilla Christie, LL.B., LL.M. and Megan Williams, J.D., both Assistant Crown Attorneys with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. They bring to this course a theoretical framework for understanding sentencing in Canada as well as valuable practical criminal court experience with respect to sentencing at both the trial and appellate level.

New Course Description: The course will use seminar discussions and occasional guest speakers from the legal profession to focus on the following: 1) Introduction to Punishment: Philosophy and Objectives; 2) Judicial Methodology and the Legislative Context; 3) The Sentencing hearing: Aggravating and Mitigating Factors, Facts of the Offence for Sentencing; 4) Sentencing Options (Absolute and Conditional Discharges, Probation, Monetary Sanctions, Imprisonment, Conditional Sentence of Imprisonment); 5) Collateral Sentencing Orders; 6) Victim Participation in the Sentencing Process; 7) Specialized Courts and Sentencing Models (Domestic Violence Courts, Drug Courts, Mental Health Courts); and 8) Aboriginal Offenders.

Evaluation Format: 25% Model Sentencing Hearing, 60% Paper (15 - 25 pages), and 15% Participation. The course text is the (2008) Second Edition of Sentencing and Penal Policy in Canada which will be supplemented with journal articles.