

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3501 A – Law in the Information Society
TERM:	Winter 2015
PREREQUISITES:	1.0 credit from LAWS 2201, LAWS 2202, LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302, LAWS 2501, LAWS 2502.
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesday: 8:35 - 11:25 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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<http://www.carleton.ca/law/student-resources/department-policies/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course discusses the legal responses to challenges of the information society. Topics may include privacy, surveillance and monitoring, access to information, freedom of expression, control of objectionable content, the protection of intellectual property on the Internet, Charter and human rights issues, anti-spam law, cloud computing law, and security.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Martin P.J. Kratz, *Canada's Internet Law in a Nutshell* (Toronto, Ont: Carswell, 2013).

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

N/A

EVALUATION

(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

- 1) Midterm examination: (weight: 40%), (date: February 10, 2015), (topics covered: ch.1– ch. 4), (duration:1:30 hour).
- 2) Final examination: (weight: 60%) (date: to be held during the final examination period: April 11-23, 2015), (topics covered: ch.6- ch.13), (duration: 3 hours).

SCHEDULE

Class	Date	Topic	Readings
1	January 6	Welcome, introduction & outline discussion	N/A
2	January 13	1) What is the Internet? 2) Regulation of the Internet	Ch.1 Ch.2
3	January 20	Free Speech Balanced Against Other Values	Ch.3
4	January 27	Copyright Law and the Internet (Part 1)	Ch.4
5	February 3	Copyright Law and the Internet (Part 2)	Ch.4
6	February 10	Mid-term Exam & Confidential Information and the Internet	Ch. 1- Ch.4. Ch.6
	February 17	Winter break: no class	N/A
7	February 24	1) Patents and the Internet 2) Electronic Commerce	Ch. 7 Ch. 8
8	March 3	Privacy	Ch. 9
9	March 10	Domain Names	Ch. 10
10	March 17	Anti-Spam Legislation	Ch. 11
11	March 24	Cloud Computing	Ch. 12
12	March 31	Social Media	Ch. 13
13	April 7	Review	
	April 11-23	Final examination period	N/A

(This schedule is subject to revision).