**PCSS Law 12 Outline**

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**Class website:** Check out the teacher sites on the PCSS website (<http://georgejenny.weebly.com>)

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**Course Objectives:**

To get a sense of the different aspects of the Canadian legal system, and for us to understand the role and benefits of the legal system. We want to be informed, active and productive citizens, and a good understanding of law will help us do this.

**Course Units:**

* Intro to Law
* Criminal Law
* Civil Law
* Family Law

**Assessment:**

This is the tentative breakdown for the course. Students will be informed of changes if there are any.

* Assignments: (generally comprehension questions) 20%
* Projects/Essays: (Current legal events scrapbook, cases, discussion, presentations and research projects and papers) 30%
* Tests and Quizzes (in-class, and in a variety of question formats): 30%
* Final Exam: 20%

If you have legitimate reasons for missed assignments or tests, there will be an opportunity to make-up the assessment, and this will be set with me.

Students are welcome to revise written work as desired through the semester.

**What do I need to do to be successful?**

* **Engage in class activities** they are designed to help you increase your depth of understanding and support your ability to show what you have learned. Showing up is not enough!
* **Be on time with your assignments**. Life happens; I get it. That’s why I will accept work from you up until the unit cut-off date, for which I will give at least two weeks of notice. I will have suggested deadlines that will help you stay on top of your work, and when I mark assignments, missing ones get a zero. If you hand it in up to the deadline, I’ll change that zero to your mark. If not, the zero stands.
* **Cell phones and other devices**: These will be left in your bag or out of sight. We are coming together to work, and if a device is getting in the way of learning, I will ask you to leave it at home. If I see it is distracting to you or to me, I will ask you to put it on my desk for the rest of the class period.
* **Saving your stuff**: you’ll need to bring a memory stick or have access to your server to save work for this class. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!!**

**What can I expect from you as my teacher?**

* Well-planned units with clear guidelines and expectations
* A wide variety of assessment types, re-assessment opportunities, and clarity on what will be assessed
* Information that’s up-to-date on our class website (on the PCSS site)
* Availability for extra help and flexibility, when needed
* Respect and fairness

Please let me know if you have any questions about this outline; I’d be happy to chat with you. I look forward to working with you this year! - Ms. George