

## **Unit Planning Exercise**

Curriculum Inquiry for Social Studies – B  
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There is no question that the Law is interwoven throughout Social Studies, however little emphasis is placed on how even an elementary understanding of the law can enrich our understanding of the subject. As an advocate for an increased societal understanding of the Law, and as a graduate of the Law and Society program from the University of Calgary, I felt compelled to focus on the Law for my *Unit Planning Exercise*. Being a module based course, Legal Studies 10 has presented a unique challenge in organizing and scheduling classes, activities, lesson plans, and supplementary materials to enrich learning. However, compared to Legal Studies 20 and 30, which have 5 and 8 modules respectively, Legal Studies 10 can be scheduled in a similar fashion to a non-module course. If I had chosen to compose a unit plan for Legal Studies 20 or 30, my approach would have had to be different.

Attached to this document is a calendar I created to outline a 6 week plan for teaching module 1 of Legal Studies 10 (LGS1010: Private Law). Each week focuses on one or more of the specific and general outcomes for LGS1010, and has been scheduled as I believe will allow for the necessary amount of time for students to engage with the material in a meaningful, relevant, and inquiry based way. Also included in this document are week by week breakdowns of the general topics which will be covered, some suggested supplementary readings, and resources that would be made available to students if in fact I end up teaching Legal Studies 10 in my teaching career. I am hoping this will be likely, since I have both a personal interest in the Law and a formal educational background to support that interest.

Lesson plans, handouts, online resources, questions, etc. are available for two of the days I have scheduled (bordered with red dashes on the calendar) but are located as separate files, within the USB – appropriately and clearly titled as to indicate which day they correspond with.

**LEGAL STUDIES 10:**

**UNIT PLANNING**

**EXERCISE**

\*September 6, 2011 - October 14, 2011\*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>SEPTEMBER. 5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Labour Day Holiday No Classes	Day 1: LGS1010 - Private Law Class Introduction & Overview of Course Outline; Assignments, Exams, Policy, etc. Class Discussion: What is the Law? Activity: Formulating Classroom Law	Day 2: Private Law The Nature and Function of Law The Rule of Law - Prezi: Historical and global perspectives on the Rule of Law, Philosophical authors and questions (The Magna Carta, John Locke, Dicey, Etc.)	Day 3: Private Law Rule of Law Continued... Prezi review & selected readings from Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process in Canada - F.L. Morton, ed. Class Discussion: Why the Rule of Law?	Day 4: Private Law Rule of Law Continued... Individual, Theoretical and Competing perspectives on the Law from Canadian Law - Neil Boyd (Lecture) Review of prior content and readings
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Day 5: LGS1010 - Private Law Legal Theory and the Philosophy of Law: Natural Law, Legal Positivism and Legal Realism will be introduced via Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube clips, Videos Recommended Readings, (Prezi Lecture)	Day 6: Private Law The Divisions of Law: Part 1 Substantive Law v. Procedural Law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Recommended Readings, Q & A Class Discussion: Open Forum	Day 7: Private Law The Divisions of Law: Part 2 Public Law v. Private Law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Recommended Readings, Q & A Class Discussion: Open Forum	Day 8: Private Law Sources of Canadian Law: Historical influences, Legislation Treaty Law and Common Law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Review of prior content and readings	Day 9: LGS1010 - Private Law Open Forum Q & A, building an effective study aid and why we use them Quiz 1: Rule of Law, Jurisprudence, The Divisions of Law & Sources of Cdn Law <u>Weight: 10%</u>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Day 10: LGS1010 - Private Law Review of Quiz 1 Class Discussion: Discoveries from Quiz Prvt. and Pub. Relationships & the Law What is a private relationship, and what is a public relationship? (Lecture)	Day 11: Private Law Review of prvt. v. Public relationships Contracts v. Agreements Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A Class Discussion: "The Social Contract"	Day 12: Private Law Dissecting the complexities of Contracts: Methods of entering into contracts, Methods of ending contracts, and breach of contract, Oral v. Written Contracts (Lecture - Prezi)	Day 13: Private Law Contracts Continued... Activity: The Everyday Nature of Contracts <u>Weight 10%</u> Class Discussion: Discoveries / Activity	Day 14: LGS1010 - Private Law <u>Movie: The Social Network</u> Selected Scenes which emphasize the complexity of contract law in business and between friends - Additional mention of Business Law Terminology
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Day 15: LGS1010 - Private Law Law and the Consumer: Purchasing Goods and Services Statutory Law Review: Sale of Goods Act, Competition Act, Fair Trading Act; Deposits, returns, warranties and guarantee	Day 16: Private Law The rights and responsibilities of a minor legal implications & obligations of obtaining credit & defaulting; bankruptcy, foreclosure repossession, Remedies and Services: Service AB/CAN, Insurance, Consumer Review, small	Day 17: Private Law claims court (Lecture Cont... and review) Law and the Consumer: Renting Living Accommodations Class Discussion: Connecting Contracts and Purchasing Goods and Services	Day 18: Private Law Statutory Law Review: Residential Tenancies Act, Advantages and disadvantages of signing a lease, Classes of tenancy, Legal implications of >1 people living together for economic reasons; assignment, sublet and joint tenancy	Day 19: LGS1010 - Private Law Common remedies: Landlord and Tenant Advisory Boards, Service Alberta, Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service (Lecture) Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A
<b>OCTOBER. 3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Day 20: LGS1010 - Private Law Introduction of Assignment 1 (Case Study) case study of concepts & issues pertaining to human rights/employment standards <u>Weight 10%</u> Review of content post Quiz 1 Open Forum Q & A, Class time for study aid	Day 21: Private Law Quiz 2: Private and Public Relationships, Law and the Consumer: Renting & Purchasing <u>Weight: 10%</u>	Day 22: Private Law Law in the Workplace Statutory Law Review: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Human Rights Act & Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act CD: Laws reflect Cdn Societal Values/Identity	Day 23: Private Law Statutory Law Review: Employment Standards Code, Canada Labour Code, AB, Labour Relations Code, O.H.S Legislation Class Discussion: Why do we need laws in the workplace, and what are your rights?	Day 24: LGS1010 - Private Law Roles and responsibilities of employer and the employee: Exploring Legislation, Workers Compensation, Employment Insurance, and Remedies for wrongful dismissal of an employee (Lecture and Interactive Internet Research)
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Day 25: LGS1010 - Private Law Review of Law in the Workplace Open Forum Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A, Recommended Readings Review Assignment 1 Due	Day 26: Private Law PRIVATE LAW UNIT REVIEW ***** Open Forum Q & A, Class time allotted for the refining of study aid for Unit Final	Day 27: Private Law PRIVATE LAW UNIT FINAL Part A (In class) M.C. + Short Answer <u>Weight: 30%</u> Part B (Take Home) Due Monday October 17 - <u>Weight: 30%</u>	Day 1: LGS1020 - Public Law Introduction to Public Law: Exploring the legal relationship between the government and the citizen with an emphasis on criminal law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube, Etc.	Day 2: Public Law Describing the relationship between rights and responsibilities (Lecture) Prezi: Rights v. Responsibilities Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A

## WEEK1

<b>LEGAL STUDIES 10: UNIT PLANNING</b>		<b>EXERCISE</b>		<i>*September 6, 2011 - October 14, 2011*</i>	
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<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER.</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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		<b>Day 3: Private Law</b> <u>Rule of Law Continued...</u> Prezi review & selected readings from <i>Law, Politics, and the Judicial Process in Canada</i> - F.L. Morton, ed. Class Discussion: Why the Rule of Law?		<b>Day 4: Private Law</b> <u>Rule of Law Continued...</u> Individual, Theoretical and Competing perspectives on the Law from <i>Canadian Law</i> - Neil Boyd (Lecture) Review of prior content and readings	

Week 1 begins with the first of 3 modules in the Legal Studies 10 curriculum (LGS 1010 – Private Law). Day one is scheduled to include an introduction of the course material, course outline, class expectation, as well as an overview of assignments, quizzes, and unit finals for the duration of the course. Following will be an “ice-breaker” activity to familiarize myself with the students, and them with me. Finally, a classroom activity will take place – following a class discussion with the guiding question of “What is the Law?” – In which the class with essentially formulate law to govern the goings on of the class, daily routine, punishments, etc. Day 2 – 4 will focus on the first general outcome of the LGS1010 module POS: Explain the Explain the nature and function of law with specific attention given to fulfilling specific objective 1.1: Explain the principles of the rule of law. Week 1 will culminate with an overview of the week’s activities and lessons, and will set the stage for regular review and open dialogue throughout the course.

## WEEK2

<b>LEGAL STUDIES 10: UNIT PLANNING</b>		<b>EXERCISE</b>		<i>*September 6, 2011 - October 14, 2011*</i>	
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Friday</b>			
	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Day 5: LGS1010 - Private Law</b> Legal Theory and the Philosophy of Law: Natural Law, Legal Positivism and Legal Realism will be introduced via Overhead/ Smart Board Notes, Youtube clips, Videos Recommended Readings, (Prezi Lecture)		<b>Day 6: Private Law</b> <u>The Divisions of Law: Part 1</u> Substantive Law v. Procedural Law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Recommended Readings, Q & A Class Discussion: Open Forum		<b>Day 7: Private Law</b> <u>The Divisions of Law: Part 2</u> Public Law v. Private Law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Recommended Readings, Q & A Class Discussion: Open Forum	
		<b>Day 8: Private Law</b> <u>Sources of Canadian Law:</u> Historical influences, Legislation Treaty Law and Common Law Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Review of prior content and readings		<b>Day 9: LGS1010 - Private Law</b> Open Forum Q & A, building an effective study aid and why we use them Quiz 1: Rule of Law, Jurisprudence, The Divisions of Law & Sources of Cdn Law <u>Weight: 10%</u>	

Week 2 will begin with a Prezi and Lecture on Jurisprudence titled *Legal Theory and the Philosophy of Law* in which students will receive a foundation of knowledge necessary to build upon throughout the course\*\*\*. Day 6 and 7 will focus on fulfilling objectives 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 – understanding the differences between substantive law and procedural law and between public law and private law. This will be accomplished, like many other objectives, through the use of overhead / smart board notes, YouTube clips where and when available, open forum and or guided class discussion, and through selected additional, recommended, or required readings from my personal collection of legal texts from my undergraduate degree. Day 6 will focus on objectives 1.3.1 – 1.3.4 centering on identifying the sources of Canadian Law. Day 6 will also include a review of all prior content and course material in preparation for a quiz to take place on Day 9, which will cover all material up to and including Day 8. Students will be introduced to the concept of building an effective study guide, which they will have the ability to use throughout most quizzes and finals during the semester. \*\*\* Lesson Plan, Class Notes, and a link to the online Prezi located on USB \*\*\*

## WEEK3

LEGAL STUDIES 10:		UNIT	PLANNING	EXERCISE	*September 6, 2011 - October 14, 2011*	
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>19</b>		<b>20</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Day 10: LGS1010 - Private Law		Day 11: Private Law		Day 12: Private Law	Day 13: Private Law	Day 14: LGS1010 - Private Law
Review of Quiz 1		Review of <i>prvt. v. Public</i> relationships		Dissecting the complexities of Contracts:	Contracts Continued...	Movie: <u>The Social Network</u>
Class Discussion: Discoveries from Quiz		Contracts v. Agreements		Methods of entering into contracts,	Activity: The Everyday Nature of	Selected Scenes which emphasize the
Prvt. and Pub. Relationships & the Law		Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube		Methods of ending contracts, and breach	Contracts <u>Weight 10%</u>	complexity of contract law in business
What is a <i>private</i> relationship, and what is a <i>public</i> relationship? (Lecture)		Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A		of contract, Oral v. Written Contracts	Class Discussion: Discoveries / Activity	and between friends - Additional mention of
		Class Discussion: "The Social Contract"		(Lecture - Prezi)		Business Law Terminology

Following Quiz 1 on the previous Friday, Day 10 of LGS1010 and the beginning of week 3 will start with an overview of quiz 1 and introduce general object 2: Identify how private relationships are governed in a simplistic way, defining what a *private* relationship is and what a *public* relationship is. Day 11 will review private and public relationships, and introduce *Contracts* and *Agreements*: specific outcome 2.2 which will serve as the educational underpinning for the remainder of the week. A class discussion on "social contracts" will take place. Day 12 builds on the concepts introduced on the previous day, and fulfills specific outcome 2.3 by elaborating on the legal requirements for a contract (*offer, consideration, acceptance, and intention to establish legal relations*) as well as methods of entering and exiting contracts, breach of contract, and oral vs. written contracts. Day 13 will carry forward the study of contracts by way of a class activity where students will have been asked to bring in as many contracts as they can find, where we will discuss them as a class, and draw out our knowledge from the week's lessons. Week 3 finishes with the movie, *The Social Network* which will be used to further enrich the growing conception of the complexity of contract law, and will also expose students to other elements of business law\*.

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## WEEK4

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>26</b>		<b>27</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Day 15: LGS1010 - Private Law		Day 16: Private Law		Day 17: Private Law	Day 18: Private Law	Day 19: LGS1010 - Private Law
Law and the Consumer: <i>Purchasing Goods and Services</i>		The rights and responsibilities of a minor legal implications & obligations of obtaining credit & defaulting; <i>bankruptcy, foreclosure repossession</i> , Remedies and Services: Service AB/CAN, Insurance, Consumer Review, small		claims court (Lecture Cont... and review)	Statutory Law Review: <i>Residential Tenancies Act</i> , Advantages and disadvantages of signing a lease, Classes of tenancy, Legal implications of >1 people living together for economic reasons; assignment, sublet and joint tenancy	Common remedies: Landlord and Tenant Advisory Boards, Service Alberta, Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service (Lecture)
Statutory Law Review: <i>Sale of Goods Act, Competition Act, Fair Trading Act;</i>				Law and the Consumer: <i>Renting Living Accommodations</i>		Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube
Deposits, returns, warranties and guarantees				Class Discussion: Connecting <i>Contracts</i> and <i>Purchasing Goods and Services</i>		Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A

Week 4 will be an intensive examination of general objectives 4 and 5: Identify laws related to the consumer and purchasing goods and services and Identify laws related to the consumer and renting living accommodation respectively, through lectures, Prezis, etc. In both instances, surface statutory reviews will be conducted on all relevant acts pertaining to specific outcomes outlined within 4.1 – 4.2 and 5.1 – 5.4. Additionally, the use of overhead / smart board notes, YouTube clips where and when available, open forum and or guided class discussion, and selected additional, recommended, or required readings will enrich the material.

## WEEK5

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Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>OCTOBER.</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Day 20: LGS1010 - Private Law		Day 21: Private Law		Day 22: Private Law	Day 23: Private Law	Day 24: LGS1010 - Private Law	
Introduction of Assignment 1 (Case Study)		Quiz 2: Private and Public Relationships, Law and the Consumer:		Law in the Workplace	Statutory Law Review: <i>Employment Standards Code, Canada Labour Code, AB. Labour Relations Code, O.H.S Legislation</i>	Roles and responsibilities of employer and the employee: Exploring Legislation, Workers Compensation, Employment Insurance, and Remedies for wrongful dismissal of an employ	
case study of concepts & issues pertaining to human rights/emplmnt stndrds <u>Weight 10%</u>		<u>Renting &amp; Purchasing Weight: 10%</u>		Statutory Law Review: <i>Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Human Rights Act &amp; Citizenship and Multiculturalism Act</i>	Class Discussion: Why do we need laws in the workplace, and what are your rights?	(Lecture and Interactive Internet Research)	
Review of content post Quiz 1				CD: Laws reflect Cdn Societal Values/Identity			
Open Forum Q & A, Class time for study aid							

Day 20 of LGS1010 begins with the introduction of the semester's first assignment which will be a case study pertaining to the study of Human Rights and Employment Rights, much of which has already been introduced, and some which come in the following days. Day 20 will also include an open forum Q & A pertaining to the upcoming quiz, and include class time to form and refine study guides. Day 21 will include the semester's second quiz, which allow for the use of a study aid, and will cover private and public relationships, the law and the consumer – renting and purchasing. Day 22 and 23 include the introduction of General objective 3 from the LGS Program of Studies: Identify laws relating to the workplace, and will follow the previous week's format of statutory law review including examination of all acts listed from 3.1.1 – 3.1.6. A guided class discussion on how the Law reflects Canadian societal values and identity will take place on Day 22 and on Day 23, the guiding question will be "Why do we need laws in the workplace, and what are your rights?" Day 24 will culminate the lecture and supplementary material inquiry into the Law and the workplace by exploring the specific outcomes 3.2 – 3.5.

## WEEK6

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				<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
Day 25: LGS1010 - Private Law		Day 26: Private Law		Day 27: Private Law		Day 1: LGS1020 - Public Law		Day 2: Public Law	
Review of <i>Law in the Workplace</i>		PRIVATE LAW UNIT REVIEW *****		PRIVATE LAW UNIT FINAL		Introduction to Public Law:		Describing the relationship between rights and responsibilities (Lecture)	
Open Forum Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A, Recommended Readings Review		Open Forum Q & A, Class time allotted for the refining of study aid for Unit Final		Part A (In class) M.C. + Short Answer <u>Weight: 30%</u>		Exploring the legal relationship between the government and the citizen with an emphasis on criminal law		Prezi: Rights v. Responsibilities	
Assignment 1 Due				Part B (Take Home) Due Monday October 17 - <u>Weight: 30%</u>		Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube, Etc.		Overhead/Smart Board Notes, Youtube Clips, Illustrative Examples, Q & A	

Week 6 will include the Unit final for LGS1010 as well as the introduction to module 2 of Legal Studies 10 (LGS1020 – Public Law). Consequently, no new material will be introduced on until Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. Day 25 however will follow previous weeks in so far as overhead / smart board notes, YouTube clips where and when available, open forum and or guided class discussion, and selected additional, recommended, or required readings will be used to review content from the Law and the workplace. Assignment 1 will be due. Day 26 will be exclusively reserved for a review of all material leading up to and including Day 25. Time will be available for the refinement of study aids, Q & A, and insight on the upcoming exam. Day 27 will feature the unit final for LGS1010 – Private Law, and will be modeled to include both an in-class and take home components. The in-class portion will be comprised of multiple choice and short answer, and the take home will be modeled after assignment 1 in the form of a case review.