

**OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE (page 1)**

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: January 2011  
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: November 2014  
*(six years after UPAC approval)* (month, year)

**OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION**

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.  
 Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

<b>PRLG 210</b>	<b>Continuing Studies</b>	<b>3</b>
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS
<b>Torts I</b>		
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

Torts are the study of wrongful or negligent acts and their treatment in civil law. Specific topics to be considered that apply to persons, relationships, and property include intentional torts, negligence, and strict and absolute liability. Students will examine the courts' handling of the question of damages, including the concept of apportionment and other remedies for personal and business recovery from tortfeasors. Other topics are the concepts of the duty of care, the standard of care, the rationale guiding court decisions in tort law cases, the legal effects of state of mind as it applies to tort law, the relationship between a criminal wrong and a tort, and the necessary elements of the various tort claims.

PREREQUISITES: Admission to the Paralegal diploma program  
 COREQUISITES:  
 PRE or COREQUISITES:

**SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):**

- (a) Replaces: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Cross-listed with: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Cannot take: \_\_\_\_\_ for further credit.

**SERVICE COURSE TO:** *(department/program)*

**TOTAL HOURS PER TERM:** 45

**STRUCTURE OF HOURS:**

Lectures: 45 Hrs  
 Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Field experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Student directed learning: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs

**TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:**

Length of course: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours per day: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

Maximum enrolment: 25  
 Expected frequency of course offerings: Every other year  
*(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)*

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)  Yes  No  
 WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)  Yes  No  
 TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:  Yes  No

Course designer(s): <b>Robert Hewko</b>	Date approved: <b>October 14, 2008</b>
Department Head: <b>Cheryl Isaac</b>	Date of meeting: <b>October 10, 2008</b>
Supporting area consultation (UPACA1)	Date approved: <b>October 14, 2008</b>
Curriculum Committee chair: <b>Cheryl Isaac</b>	Date approved: <b>October 14, 2008</b>
Dean/Associate VP: <b>Rosetta Khalideen</b>	Date of meeting: <b>November 21, 2008</b>
Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approval	

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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

- discuss the process of how wrongful or negligent acts are treated in civil law
- describe the rationale guiding court decisions
- explain how liability, causation, and damages are determined by application of the common law rules and relevant legislation

**METHODS:** *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Lectures and discussions

**METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Examination(s)                       Portfolio assessment                       Interview(s)

Other (specify):

PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

*[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]*

Kerr, Kurtz, Olive, **Canadian Tort Law in a Nutshell**, Thomson Carswell, Toronto, latest version.

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

Various office supplies, depending on course assignments. (These supplies are included in the course supply fee).

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

*[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]*

Classroom Participation	10%
Assignments	20%
Midterm Assessment	30%
Final Examination	40%

**COURSE CONTENT:**

*[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]*

- Introduction
- Types
- Theory
- Elements of a Tort
- Causation and Liability
- Negligence