Benjamin L Berger: Hello everyone!
Adam: Will there be video? Or am I not seeing?
Benjamin L Berger: Mya, Karen, and I are here to field questions about course selection. Depending on what your question is, one of us will respond. This is only by text, so please "raise your hand" (top of the screen) if you have a question and I'll call on you when it's your turn.
Grace: is it in mute mode? or nobody speaking at the moment?
Benjamin L Berger: you will find links to the left that will guide you to key materials.
Anonymous, tell me your name and let's hear your question
Benjamin L Berger: (no Grace, please see above... this is just a text chat)
Benjamin L Berger: If people could prepare their questions in a word document first, and then paste it in when it's their turn, that would be great.
Benjamin L Berger: great
Anonymous, do you have a question?
Anonymous: My name is Jeremy. 2. In the course timetables, one can click on a course and it gives a brief description of the course and the evaluation method – is the evaluation method described here the plan for the upcoming term (since the method is different on this platform than in the most recent course outline available?) 3. Is it considered a conflict if a take-home exam (admin law - gonsalves) is open April 12-15 and the estates exam is April 12?
Anonymous: Sorry about the spacing.
Benjamin L Berger: Mya will take those questions!
Mya Rimon: Hi Anonymous. The evaluation listed in this year's syllabus apply to this year's courses
Benjamin L Berger: (so don't look at the old course outlines! The course info tables and syllabus for the coming year)
Mya Rimon: As for the take-home and in-class exam overlap, it isn't really a conflict. The overlap might consist of a few hours. But it would not be a basis upon which you could seek accommodation (ie. more time for the take-home exam)
Anonymous: Thank you!
Karen J Willoughby: The Estates exam is written in Osgoode on the 12th. The take home is over the weekend so no conflict.
Anonymous: Thank you!
Benjamin L Berger: Thanks Karen!
Benjamin L Berger: Okay over to you Adam.
Adam: When I make my selections in Law Select, save them and then return to "edit" my selections, they (the selections) disappear. Is this issue unique? It is concerning because I wouldn't want it to not be saving for obvious reasons.
Benjamin L Berger: Karen, can you take this one?
Karen J Willoughby: Hi Adam. Please email me and I can send this up the the IT Lawselect expert. Thx
Adam: Thanks
Benjamin L Berger: Okay, over to you Isabel
Isabel Davila: I am enrolled in the ICT stream and was wondering about the pillar courses. It says that on our 2nd year we have to take two out of three pillar courses: Public International Law, Conflict of Laws and Comparative Law. Does this mean that I could for example take the seminar in Comparative Law: Privacy & Access to Information and that would cover one of the pillar courses? I’ve emailed Professor Scott, the ICT Convenor but he is out of office until July 20th.

Nika Baghaie: Is this a text only meeting. I am not getting any sound

Benjamin L Berger: Yes, Nika, it's only text.

Benjamin L Berger: Karen?
Karen J Willoughby: No, that refers to the 4 credit Comp. Law that is not offered this year. Both PI and Conflicts are offered though.

Benjamin L Berger: Hope that helps, Isabel.
Isabel Davila: The problem is they are both offered only in the fall and since I must take Environmental Law for my Clinical/Intensive I am not allowed to take that many credits. Is there any solution to this? Could I take one of them in 3rd year in that case?

Adam: I hope this isn’t
Mya Rimon: Isabel, there may be some flexibility on this, especially given that you are doing an Intensive program. I gather you've already take Globalization & the Law?

Isabel Davila: Yes
Mya Rimon: If you can take two pillar courses next year, that would be ideal. Is that doable?
Isabel Davila: Yes, I was just wondering because the syllabus states that the two pillar courses must be taken on 2nd year but they are both offered only in the fall this year.

Benjamin L Berger: Yup, that’s one of the effects of taking a stream... it can mean that your course selection is somewhat constrained.

Benjamin L Berger: Paniz, over to you!

Paniz: Hi, I have to enroll in two courses for my clinic and one of them has a high demand. I have given a high priority (B) to that one. However, I was wondering if I don’t get in to that course, then what are my options? The course is also being offered in Winter but I want to take another course in Winter that requires those two as pre-requisites. In addition, enrolling in another section of that course will change my whole planning. How should I approach this?

Karen J Willoughby: Hi Paniz, Which clinic are you in and what course are you referring to?

Paniz: Investor protection clinic. Securities and Business Association

Karen J Willoughby: Securities in the fall typically goes on a high demand.

Paniz: Also as far as I have gathered most people in IPC get those courses in the fall.

Paniz: Yes I understand that
Karen J Willoughby: Are you in 2nd year or 3rd?

Paniz: 2nd year

Karen J Willoughby: You may want to check with Prof. Puri as to whether you should have both Bus. As and Securities in the fall.

Paniz: I'm interested in taking corporate finance in winter as well

Benjamin L Berger: Paniz, your priority in balloting has to be your prerequisites for your clinics. If you have some question about how to prioritize, you should contact the Director of the clinic, in this case Poonam.

Benjamin L Berger: Hope that helps Paniz!

Paniz: Okay thanks
Benjamin L Berger: Over to you, Amanda

Amanda Rosenstock: Hi Everyone, thank you. I'd like to know two things: 1. Does the Privacy seminar in fall have 20 upper year and 5 1st year places? 2. Is it absolutely essential to have Criminal Procedure as a prerequisite to take the Directed Reading: Advocating for Vulnerable Clients course in the fall? Thanks again!

Amanda Rosenstock: Sorry, that's the Privacy seminar in winter

Benjamin L Berger: I'll respond to #2

Benjamin L Berger: Mya will help on 1

Mya Rimon: Hi Amanda! The Privacy seminar has 20 first year spots (it's a Perspective Option seminar) and 5 upper year spots

Amanda Rosenstock: Oh wow! So I would have to rank it highly then?

Mya Rimon: Perhaps. Karen, do the 5 upper year spots in the Privacy seminar usually get filled?

Benjamin L Berger: Yes, Crim Pro is a prerequisite to the course. If you wish to explore whether the instructor would permit you to take it as a co-requisite, you can consult with the instructor, but it would have to be at least a co-req I suspect.

Karen J Willoughby: Yes, but not necessarily on top priority

Amanda Rosenstock: Okay, thank you for answering my questions. And, quickly, one more thing. Is there any idea as to what the demand for the new Cannabis Regulation seminar is going to be?

Benjamin L Berger: I think there will be high demand for snacks!

Amanda Rosenstock: LOL

Karen J Willoughby: Sorry, since it's new, really no data to go on....

Benjamin L Berger: Over to you Megan!

Megan: 1. If we are unsuccessful in getting some of our ranked courses and we are missing credits, how long are we given to choose other courses to fill our schedule? 2. Can some of our ranked courses conflict? In that case, if we get conflicting courses, are we able to choose which one to keep/change classes?

Benjamin L Berger: Over to you Karen!

Karen J Willoughby: Hi Megan, you will have an opportunity to make adjustments to your record during add drop on July 23rd

Karen J Willoughby: Yes, ranked courses can conflict but you will need to eliminate the conflicts before add drop ends in Sept.

Benjamin L Berger: Brunelle!

Megan: Great thanks!

Brunelle L: Thanks! Hi all. I have a question regarding modules. I've heard that some courses (Admin law) have been previously offered as a module? Are modules still offered? If so, for what courses? How do modules appear on our transcripts? How do we enroll? What, in the administration's opinion, are some of the pros/cons to taking a module course?

Benjamin L Berger: You bet!

Benjamin L Berger: Mya's on this Brunelle... bear with us.

Brunelle L: No problem, thank you

Mya Rimon: Hi Brunelle! The Fiduciary Relationships in Commercial Contexts (FRCC) module is no longer required, as the Federation of Law Societies has removed that as a required competency. For students graduating in 2019, they will still need to complete either the Principles of Canadian Administrative Law (PCAL) module or the Administrative Law course. This past year, the first-year curriculum was updated so that these key principles of
admin law are covered in State & Citizen and Legal Process, so students graduating in 2020 have already completed the competency
Benjamin L Berger: so you don't have to worry about the modules, Brunelle!
Benjamin L Berger: Annie?
Annie: Hi, I was offered a Winter placement for my Intensive but I am registered in the Fall on Law Select. I have confirmed with Jody-Ann that I should be enrolled for the Winter but it still appears as Fall credits on Law Select. How should I deal with this?
Brunelle L: Excellent. thank you.
Annie: Also, is it crucial to manage add/drop sooner rather than later? i.e. Would it be a bad idea to be out of internet access the week of July 23?
Benjamin L Berger: Karen will help on this Annie.
Karen J Willoughby: Hi Annie. We will be sending students confirmation of their enrolment the week of July 9 - 16. You may decide that you will not need to make any changes at all.
Karen J Willoughby: Add drop opens on July 23rd and continues right through until Sept. 11th
Annie: So should I just select Fall credits?
Karen J Willoughby: No, students prioritize for both fall and winter terms in Lawselect
Mya Rimon: Annie, please email Karen and Jody-Ann separately so that they can make that adjustment to your clinical intensive enrolment
Annie: Okay thanks!
Benjamin L Berger: You bet!
Benjamin L Berger: Nika?
Nika Baghaie: Hi, I really wanted to take lawyer as a negotiator, the theory and practice of mediation and family law with Professor Kierstead but cannot because I have an intensive in the fall. I understand that that is one of the consequences of taking a clinic and there is no way to guarantee that a course will be offered in the future. I was wondering however, what are indicators that might increase the likelihood that a course will continue to be offered? Is it mainly course enrollment numbers?
Nika Baghaie: And also, is add drop done on a first come first served basis?
Karen J Willoughby: Yes it is
Benjamin L Berger: It is highly likely, Nika, that all of those courses will be taught again next year. for those courses, instructor availability is the key question and no guarantees... but those courses are likely to be offered.
Karen J Willoughby: Any courses that are full and waitlisted though will be blocked from any further enrolment. Students can still drop full courses though.
Benjamin L Berger: Hope that helps Nika.
Benjamin L Berger: Ronen?
Nika Baghaie: can I ask one quick thing?
Benjamin L Berger: yup
Nika Baghaie: the course beyond bay street, do you think taking that course works against people who later apply for bigger firms?
Nika Baghaie:?
Mya Rimon: Hi Nika. No.. I don't think so. There are some great "business of law" elements to that course that I'm sure could be transferrable in the medium/large firm environment. And clients are clients....
Benjamin L Berger: totally agree!
Nika Baghaie: thank you, much appreciated
Benjamin L Berger: Okay, Ronen
Ronen Nehmad: Do students in join programs who started Osgoode in 2016 but are graduating in 2020 have to do the admin module? If so, what does doing the module entail?
Michael: Is Principles of Canadian Administrative Law (Academic Rule A.3.9) the only course were required to take?
Mya Rimon: Hi Ronen. Yes, since you did 1L in 2016 (before the changes to the 1L curriculum were put into place), you'd need to take Admin Law or the PCAL
Ronen Nehmad: ok, thanks!
Benjamin L Berger: Hi Michael, we'll come back to you when we have answered the questions of the people who put up their hands, okay?
Benjamin L Berger: T, over to you.
T: Hi, I am unable to find the course description and modes of evaluation Jeremy referred to earlier. Is it in the PDF timetables on MyOsgoode?
Benjamin L Berger: Hi T, if you click on the titles of the courses in the information tables you can find them, or you can read the syllabus, which includes it as well.
Karen J Willoughby: Hi T. These are found on MyOsgoode under the Key Documents tab
Benjamin L Berger: Let us know if that works for you and in the meantime we'll hear from Crystal.
Crystal: Hi! I’m going to be doing the Osgoode Business Clinic, part of which requires the Case Studies in Business Enterprises course. That course requires Business Associations as a prerequisite (although I recall that it can also be taken as a corequisite). Is it okay to take Business Associations either in the Fall or Winter or must it be in the Fall? Also, does the Case Studies in Business Enterprises Course have a separate credit allocation, or is it part of the Clinic’s 4 credits?
Karen J Willoughby: Click on the course information tables
Karen J Willoughby: Hi Crystal, You should be taking Bus. As in the fall term
Benjamin L Berger: Karen can you address these points?
Crystal: Okay, thank you!
T: Found them! Thanks!!
Karen J Willoughby: Case Studies is 3 credits in the fall and OBC is 2 cr fall and 2 cr winter. You will see these automatically loaded into your Lawselect record
Benjamin L Berger: Great, T!
Benjamin L Berger: B
Benjamin L Berger: Okay, Bryan!
Bryan: Comparative Law: Indigenous Legal Traditions is listed in the Course and Seminar Information Tables as a winter seminar, but isn’t on the timetable and not on LawSelect—is the course happening or …? Also, where do I look to make sure the final exam doesn’t conflict—I can’t seem to find that info?
Bryan: Thanks!
Benjamin L Berger: Karen can you answer the first part
Karen J Willoughby: Hi Bryan. Thanks for pointing that out! This seminar is reserved for 1st year students for their Perspective option course selection.
Benjamin L Berger: And for the second part, you can find this information in the "schedules and timetables" part of MyOsgoode:
https://ozdomapp1.osgoode.yorku.ca/myosgoode.nsf/jdschedules.xsp
Bryan: Ah, gotcha. Thanks!
Benjamin L Berger: Great.
Benjamin L Berger: Okay, Michael, so what year are you in and when did you begin?
Michael: Sorry about that earlier I was not sure how this works. I am going into second year.
Benjamin L Berger: no problem, Michael. So you commenced in fall 2017?
Benjamin L Berger: If you commenced your studies in fall 2017, you do not have to complete the admin law module.
Michael: Yes, I will be entering 2L in September.
Benjamin L Berger: So assuming you are not in the ETP, and commenced in 2017, then you don't have to do the admin module.
Michael: Okay, before you move on I just wanted to ask if there are any courses in which I would be required to take. I am not in the ETP.
Benjamin L Berger: There are no upper year requirements for students who commenced their studies in Fall 2017
Benjamin L Berger: Sorry... to be clear... no required courses. You of course have your praxicum and writing requirements.
Michael: And the Indigenous and Aboriginal Law Requirement (IALR) (Academic Rule A.3.9) requirement?
Benjamin L Berger: Brunelle and Adam your hands still appear as "up". Do you have questions or did I forget to clear them?
Brunelle L: I do, yes
Adam: I have one
Benjamin L Berger: That takes effect Fall 2018, Michael. There are no upper year course requirements for students who commenced in 2017
Benjamin L Berger: Okay great. Adam first you then over to you Brunelle
Michael: Thank you.
Adam: Can you please go into more detail regarding what happens if I am not selected for a course. And then what happens if I am not chosen off the wait list. Lastly how substitutions work, I'm having trouble finding this info.
Benjamin L Berger: you bet
Brunelle L: A follow up question, if I may? Since Admin is no longer mandatory, is there any sense of what the demand might be like this year for rankings?
Brunelle L: sorry!
Benjamin L Berger: Karen, can you address Adam's question?
Karen J Willoughby: Hi Adam, Subs receive the very lowest priority and are assigned after all letter priorities.
Benjamin L Berger: Brunelle, I think that demand will remain quite high for Admin, though one can expect a slight reduction in demand. This will vary, of course, from instructor to instructor.
Brunelle L: Okay, thank you!
Benjamin L Berger: you bet
Karen J Willoughby: If you do not secure a space, you will be placed on the waitlist based on the letter priority you assigned to the course.
Adam: I didn't see an option to input substitutions
Benjamin L Berger: And if you are not chosen off that waitlist, Adam, you are simply not in that course. During the Add/Drop you will be filling out your schedule for the term in question.
Adam: thanks
Benjamin L Berger: If you continue to have difficulties with the system, Adam, I would
encourage you to reach out to Karen by email.
Benjamin L Berger: And, with what appears to be the last question, Anonymous...
Anonymous: Hi again, once we're discussing admin law, can you please speak to the importance of taking Admin. Law, assuming one is not pursuing a career related to public law?
Anonymous: I understand this may be difficult to address over text
Benjamin L Berger: Administrative law is the law governing all public decision-making. It addresses the most common points of intersection between individuals and the legal system. Moreover, it is a relatively complex area of law to learn on one's own. For those reasons, it is very common for people to take Administrative law.
Anonymous: Thank you!
Benjamin L Berger: Our pleasure!
Benjamin L Berger: Okay folks, a transcript of this will go up on MyOsgoode.
Benjamin L Berger: All the best and good luck with course selections!
Nika Baghaie: thank you for holding the sesssion!
Benjamin L Berger: Our pleasure!
T: Thank you!!!
Mya Rimon: you're welcome! enjoy your summers!!