The aim of this course is to familiarize students with the basic elements of law and to gain an understanding of how Canadian laws are interpreted and applied within the society in which we live.

**General Learning Outcomes:** Your learning experiences are aimed at achieving these general outcomes as outlined in the Manitoba Education curricula. You will:

- Acquire skills and knowledge that can be applicable and useful in further education and/or careers.
- Develop positive work habits, language processing, teamwork, problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Develop an understanding of the nature and necessity of law.
- Become familiar with the terminology structure and functioning of Criminal Law in Canada.
- Explore the necessity for and extent of rights and liberties as they exist in Canada today.
- Examine the legal concepts related to contract and family law.

**Required Materials:**

- Large 3 ring binder
- Loose-leaf
- Blue/Black Pens
- Red Pens
- USB memory stick
- Highlighter

**Course Content:** All Grade 12 law students will take part in a course study that will include readings, case analysis, class discussions, presentations, note-taking, note-making, article summaries, quizzes and exams, guest speakers and a field trip to the Winnipeg Law Courts Building.
Materials and Resources: All About Law Nelson 6th Edition textbook; educational films and videos; CTV/CBC news; local and national newspaper and magazine sources.

Homework: You will be assigned homework if school work is not completed during regular class hours. On occasion you will be required to complete moderate assignments in preparation for the following class.

Due Dates: You must hand in assignments on the due date. Bonus marks may be awarded if work is submitted early, 10% will be deducted the day after the due date, 15% the second day after, 20% on the third and assignments will be not accepted after the third day.

Evaluation and Assessment: Plagiarism is a serious offence and will result in a mark of 0% for that assignment. Parents, guardians and administration will also be notified. Assessment and evaluation are on-going throughout the course resulting in one credit at the end of the semester should all of the outcomes be successfully met. The course breakdown is divided into Term Work = 75%, and Final Examination = 25%.

Attendance: Your attendance is taken very seriously at DMCI. As per the school’s attendance policy, lates are calculated as 4 lates = 1 absence. Your credit is suspended when the total absences and lates combined = 10 absences. Remember that a positive attitude, good effort, regular attendance and active participation are essential for success in this course.

Law Courts Field Trip: A whole class excursion to the Winnipeg Law Courts building will be an important part of your learning journey. Attendance is mandatory. More details to follow.

Sensitive Content: Some of the content and issues pertaining to the course may be sensitive for some students and their parents/families and/or communities. This sensitive content is contained in the Criminal Law and Youth Justice units and with lessons and/or cases that deal with extreme violence, sexual harassment, cyber related crimes, gangs and youth related crimes.