



COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

COURSE NUMBER: LAW 567:A2 **COURSE NAME:** PACIFIC RIM LAW: JAPANESE LAW

PREREQUISITE COURSES: NONE

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CREDITS: 3 **HOURS PER TERM:** 3 **TERM:** 1ST **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:**

PROFESSOR: Douglas Peterson and Yutaka Watanabe

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: LECTURE X SEMINAR OTHER

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

Evaluation in this course is
a paper worth 70% of the Grade; and
a group project worth 30% of the Grade

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This course is designed to introduce students to the Japanese Law with Legal Culture, and Japanese Public Administration with current issues. Our major task is to provide the students opportunities to understand the unique features of Japanese law and the universal comparative law perspective, by which they will reconsider Canadian Law as well. The course will be conducted by a Professor from Niigata University in Japan for the first 4 weeks in September and then by Professor Peterson for the remainder of the course. Our visiting Professor from Niigata will take an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to explain an area of Japanese law and how the law operates in practice. Professor Peterson will focus on an international comparison between Japanese and Canadian law - in particular, international tax structures, contract law, intellectual property, and dealing with the Japanese in a business setting. Some aspects of the Japanese culture and legal history will be referred to in connection with the main topic of business transactions.

NOTE: In 2011, our visiting Professor from Niigata shall be Yutaka Watanabe, who will deal with international law.

***SPECIAL COMMENTS:** None

REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY): Materials available through Professor Peterson and the visiting Japanese Professor.