

Module 1: Foundations of Law

Enduring Understanding

To live together in a society peacefully and viably, we need law. Law provides us with the fundamental rules for living. Law is a complex system that touches every aspect of our lives on a daily basis. The past (including First Nations, Métis, and Inuit practices) and the present shape our legal heritage. Our laws reflect our social, economic, and political environment, and they continually evolve in response to changing social values.

Learning Experiences

- 1.1 Define law and its purpose in society by exploring its history and evolution, including the Code of Hammurabi, the Napoleonic Code, and other historical roots of law.
 - 1.2 Differentiate and develop an understanding of the various classifications of law.
 - 1.3 Distinguish between law and social mores, and explore questions regarding issues such as inherent versus conferred rights and the Doctrine of Discovery/*terra nullius*.
 - 1.4 Explore First Nations, Métis, and Inuit practices related to law and the evolving legal relationship between First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and non-Indigenous Canadians, including the treaty relationship.
 - 1.5 Describe how and why laws change and the consequences of such changes on society.
 - 1.6 Demonstrate an understanding of how Canada's legal system has been created, including the influences provided by British Common Law and the French Civil Code.
 - 1.7 Demonstrate an understanding of the jurisdiction and powers of each level of government pertaining to law, as well as the hierarchy of the courts.
 - 1.8 Explore and compare the roles and responsibilities of key individuals in the judiciary system, such as judges, lawyers, and clerks.
 - 1.9 Build knowledge and understanding of key law concepts and terminology, such as case law, *habeas corpus*, and Rule of Law.
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