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Law can be defined as "a set of rules which are generally obeyed and enforced within a politically organized society" (James, *Introduction to English Law*). Courses include: Canadian Law, Business Law: Concepts and Applications, Corporate Law, Family Law, Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions, and a number of courses in Criminology.

Law-Canadian

Please refer to the **Criminology** Library Subject Guide for more resources.

Ask a Librarian for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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REFERENCE:

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

Dawson Creek Reference Collection

KE 7704.5 C3 2002	Annotated Indian Act and aboriginal	KE 183 D83 1991	Dictionary of Canadian law
KE 8804.53 T74 2002	Annotated . . . Tremear's criminal code and	KEB 491 A31 A2 G84	Guide to the British Columbia Environmental Assessment
KF 156 B53 1990	Black's law dictionary	KE 3763 S565 1989	Hazardous products : Canada's WHMIS laws
KEB 399 A3 2003	British Columbia labour and employment law statutes	KE 2953 A25 2000	Intellectual property enforcement guidelines
KE 4381.5 Z85 C36 1989	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms	KE 7706 K485 1995	Key legal decisions concerning aboriginal rights in Canada
KE 2799.2 H377 2001	Canadian copyright law	KE 8804.9 M35 2003	Martin's annual criminal code
KE 183 Y63 2003	Canadian law dictionary	KEB 409.4 Z92 W67 1998	Occupational health and safety regulation
HJ 4661 C35 2000	Canadian master tax guide	KEB 194 K84 2002	Queer as family : the legal rights and responsibilities
JL 429.5 O4 B74 2003	Code of administrative justice, 2003	KEB 58 S86 2004	Summary of local government legislation

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KE 7704.5 C3 1996	1996 annotated Indian Act	KE 5110 A33 1999	Consolidated regulations under the Canadian Env. Act
KE 4381.5 Z85 C36 1994	Annotated Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms	KE 183 D83 1991	Dictionary of Canadian law
KE 8804.53 T74 1993	Annotated . . . Tremear's criminal code and	KE 5325 D73 2002	Federal access to information and privacy legislation
KF 156 B531 1999	Black's law dictionary	HC 79 E5 G85	Guide to the environmental protection and enhancement
KEB 433 B74 1998	British Columbia fire code, 1998	KE 7706 K485 1995	Key legal decisions concerning aboriginal rights in Canada
KE 4381.5 Z85 C36 1989	Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms	KE 8804.9 M35 2003	Martin's annual criminal code
KEB 399 A3 2005	British Columbia labour and employment law statutes	KEB 409.4 Z92 W67 1998	BK.1 Occupational health and safety regulation
HJ 4661 A5 2001	Canadian income tax act	KE 8803.7 C36 2003	Pocket criminal code and
KE 3109 A33	Canadian labour law : a comprehensive text	KE 3170 M36	Trade union law in Canada
KE 183 Y63 1990	Canadian law dictionary	KE 3454 U53 1994	Unemployment Insurance Act and other related legislation
HJ 4661 C35 2003	Canadian master tax guide		

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:

To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

F	History, Canada	HJ	Public finance	HM-HZ	Sociology
J	Political Science, general	JL	Political Institutions, Canada	JS	Local government
KE	Canadian Law	KEB	Laws of British Columbia		

LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles in an electronic database or books in the online catalogue containing the keyword(s).

aboriginal rights	distinct society	legal theory	political parties
comparative law	family law	patriation	public policy
creditor's rights	federal law	provincial law	victim reparation

PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS:

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to students studying Canadian Law. To check for campus and holdings, search the title in WebCat.

<i>Periodical Title</i>	<i>Library Holdings</i>	<i>Campus Library</i>
Canadian Journal of Criminology & Criminal Justice	2003 - current	FSJ
Globe and Mail	6 mo. + current	DC/FSJ
Vancouver Sun	6 mo. + current	DC/FSJ

DATABASES & INDEXES:

access: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

Academic Search Premier: Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

Canadian Reference Centre: Contains international and Canadian magazines, newspapers & newswires, reference books, and company information.

CBCA Fulltext Reference: Canadian Business and Current Affairs. Major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982-current

CPI.Q: Provides coverage on current events, health, technology, arts, history, culture and business. 415 Canadian periodicals with 165 full text. 1988 - current, updated weekly.

E-Stat: Statistics Canada database with Census data, CANSIM time series & environmental data. Fulltext.

MAS Ultra: Contains full text for nearly 550 magazines, 91,600 biographies, 75,000 primary source documents, and 250 reference books. 1984 - current.

WEBSITES:

General

ACJNET –Access to Justice Network: <http://www.acjnet.org/splash/default.aspx>

Bora Laskin Law Library Links (U of Toronto): <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/resources/index.htm>

Canadian Legal FAQs: <http://www.law-faqs.org/topics.htm>

CanLII – Canadian Legal Information Institute: <http://www.canlii.org/>

Canadian Legal Resources: <http://www.gahtan.com/cdnlaw/>

Duhaime's Legal Dictionary: <http://www.duhaime.org/dictionary/diction.aspx>

Findlaw - United States: <http://www.findlaw.com/>

• LawCrawler - Legal Web & Databases Search: <http://lawcrawler.findlaw.com/index.html>

Jurist Canada: <http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca/index.htm>

♦ Canadian Legal Research: <http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca/legalresearch.htm>

♦ Legal Dictionaries: <http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca/dictionary.htm>

♦ Legal Research Guides: <http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca/guides.htm>

♦ Resource Pages: <http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca/resource.htm>

♦ Reference Desk: http://jurist.law.utoronto.ca/ref_desk.htm

LLRX.com: <http://www.llrx.com/index.htm>

Louise Tsang's Overview of Canadian Law on the Web: <http://www.llrx.com/features/canadian4.htm>

Osgoode Hall Law School – York University: <http://library.osgoode.yorku.ca/>

Ted Tjaden's Doing Legal Research in Canada: <http://www.llrx.com/features/ca.htm>

First Nations

Aboriginal Canada Portal: <http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/>

Aboriginal Law and Legislation: <http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/ablawleg.htm>

Aboriginal Native Law – publications – Legal Services Society BC: http://www.lss.bc.ca/resources/pubs_subject_aboriginal_law.asp

A Brief Introduction to Aboriginal Law in Canada: <http://www.bloorstreet.com/200block/brintro.htm>

British Columbia

BC Human Rights Tribunal: <http://www.bchrt.bc.ca/>

British Columbia Courthouse Library Society: <http://www.bccls.bc.ca/>

CivicNet BC - Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM):

Electronic Law Library - Legal Services Society of BC: <http://www.bcpl.gov.bc.ca/ell/>

Family Law in BC: <http://www.familylaw.lss.bc.ca/>

Municipal Bylaws

- Fort St. John: <http://www.cityfsj.com/bylaws.html>
- Dawson Creek: <http://www.dawsoncreek.ca/cityhall/bylaws/>

British Columbia Case Law / Judgements

Courts of BC: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/>

- Court of Appeal: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/ca/>
- Search judgements: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/search/search.asp>
- Supreme Courts Judiciary: <http://www.courts.gov.bc.ca/sc/>

Labour Relations Board - issued and leading decisions (BC): <http://www.lrb.bc.ca/decisions/>

Provincial Court of British Columbia: <http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/>

British Columbia Provincial Government

BC Judicial system Index:

- http://www.gov.bc.ca/bvprd/bc/index.do?mode=contentIndex&channelId=-8368&programId=8362&navId=NAV_ID_province

BC Ministry of the Attorney General:

- http://www.gov.bc.ca/bvprd/bc/channel.do?action=ministry&channelId=-8378&navId=NAV_ID_province
- Human Rights Protection: <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/human-rights-protection/index.htm>
- BC Court Services: <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/courts/index.htm>
- Legislation and Policy: <http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/legislation/>

Hansard/Debates: <http://www.leg.bc.ca/hansard/>

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia: <http://www.legis.gov.bc.ca/>

Provincial Court of BC: <http://www.provincialcourt.bc.ca/>

Queen's Printer: <http://www.bcsolutions.gov.bc.ca/gp/>

Revised Statutes & Consolidated Regulations: <http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/>

Statutes, Laws and Regulations Index: http://www.gov.bc.ca/main_index/laws_legislation/statutes_laws_regulations.html

Canadian Federal Government

Canada Gazette: <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/index-e.html>

Canada Treaty Information (international): <http://www.treaty-accord.gc.ca/Main.asp?Language=0>

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/const/annex_e.html#/

Consolidated Statutes and regulations: <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/>

How a Bill becomes Law (Canadian):

1. <http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Reference/queens-e.html> OR
2. <http://www.fedpubs.com/subject/law/statutes.htm>

Department of Justice Canada: <http://canada.justice.gc.ca/en/>

- Criminal Code: <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/C-46/>

Federal Courts Reports – Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs: http://reports.fja.gc.ca/index_en.html

Juristat provides detailed statistics and analysis concerning Canada's justice system:

- <http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection-R/Statcan/85-002-XIE/85-002-XIE.html>

LEGISinfo – to find information on legislation before Parliament: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/LEGISINFO/>

Orders in Council - Privy Council Office: <http://www.pco-bcp.gc.ca/oic-ddc/>

Parliament of Canada: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/>

- Bills and Amendments: <http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/bills.asp?Language=E>

- Hansard / Debates - Chamber Business - : <http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/chamber.asp?>
House of Commons – Fact sheets on Procedures:
 - ◆ http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/about/process/house/Procedural_fact_sheets/fs_toc-e.htm
- Regwatch – “database of voluntary standards referenced in Canadian federal regulations”:
https://alert.scc.ca/rwh/basic_e.jsp
- Consolidated Statutes & Regulations: <http://laws.justice.gc.ca/en/>

Canadian Case Law / Judgements

Supreme Court of Canada

The Court: <http://www.scc-csc.gc.ca/>

Decisions: <http://www.lexum.umontreal.ca/csc-scc/en/index.html>

Federal Court

The Court: <http://www.fct-cf.gc.ca/>

Decisions - Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs: <http://decisions.fct-cf.gc.ca/en/index.html>

Tax Court of Canada

The Court: <http://www.tcc-cci.gc.ca/>

Decisions: <http://decision.tcc-cci.gc.ca/en/index.html>

Court Martial Appeal Court

The Court: <http://www.cmac-cacm.ca/>

Decisions: http://www.cmac-cacm.ca/business/decisions_e.shtml

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