



Law 12 / Criminal Justice 154: Dual Credit



What is it?

Law 12: Dual Credit is a unique opportunity for students with post-secondary aspirations to simultaneously complete a high school and a college course at Vic High with the support of your peers and teacher.

What topics are covered?

When combined, Law 12 and Criminal Justice 154 provide a comprehensive introduction and examination of the Canadian criminal justice system, its components, processes, and objectives. Specific areas of focus include: policing, criminal court and court processes, criminal prosecution, sentencing, and corrections.

Who can register?

Any grade 12 student with a competent academic track record is welcome to register. Participating students will need to **achieve a C+ in English 12** before the course starts, or be registered in English 12 at the same time and have a recommendation from your English 11 teacher.

Why do students choose this option?

- They are interested in criminal justice and are considering a profession in the field.
and/or
- They want the opportunity to experience post-secondary academic expectations and learn the study and organization skills necessary to be successful at this level.
and/or
- They want to take advantage of an opportunity to earn post-secondary credits, which are often transferable to post-secondary institutions throughout Canada including UVIC, SFU, UBC, UBCO, UNBC, TWU, VIA, UFV,

How is the course structured?

A Camosun instructor will teach the class twice a week, and your Vic High teacher will instruct the other days of the week. Your Vic High teacher will help clarify content and concepts that may be difficult, teach organization, note taking, and study skills, as well as cover Law 12 content not addressed in Criminal Justice 154. Students will receive a grade from their Camosun instructor based on the tests and assignments administered by the instructor. A Law 12 grade will be issued by your Vic High teacher based on a blended mark of Crim 154 work (scaled to high school expectations) and other work assigned as a part of Law 12.

How much work can students expect?

Students who choose the dual credit option need to be prepared to do more work than they would in a traditional Law 12 class -- keeping in mind they are receiving credit for two different courses. The most significant difference in a post-secondary course is the assigned readings. You can expect to read 1-2 chapters of your text each week in addition to consistent study and review. The amount of work completed at home will be 2-3 hours per week. Post-secondary institutions typically tell students to expect 2 hours of "homework" for every hour spent in class.

How much does it cost?

If you register in *Law 12/Criminal Justice 154: Dual Credit*, you **do not** have to pay the Camosun course fee, which is a savings of roughly \$350. Students will need to pay the Camosun registration fee of \$40.20 and are responsible for purchasing the appropriate textbook chosen by the instructor. Although textbooks can cost \$100-\$150, we have been able to source used textbooks at a much lower price in the past.

What if I have already taken Law 12?

You are welcome to register. Although you cannot earn Law 12 credit again, you will be offered the opportunity to improve your grade. Students who have already taken Law 12 will have a great foundation of knowledge, which will be very useful in ensuring academic success.

Students who have already completed Law 12 may also choose to participate in an *independent directed study (IDS)*, in which they complete an inquiry project of their choice and receive high school credit. This also looks great on post-secondary and scholarship applications.

How does this relate to Criminology 12?

Criminology 12 is a completely separate course with a different focus. You are welcome to register for Law 12: Dual Credit AND Criminology 12 if you like.

What if I am currently in grade 10 and want to register for this course?

Students entering grade 11 who wish to participate need to wait until they are in grade 12. Don't sign up for Law 12 in your grade 11 year. If you are interested in crime and society's response to it, you can sign up for Criminology 12 as a grade 11.

What do I do next if I want to register for this course?

The first step is to select *Law12/Crim154: Dual Credit* during course selection. A meeting will be called in May for all registered students to begin the process of registering with Camosun.

Who should I talk to if I have more questions?

You can talk to Mr. Wallace in room 120.