

“Bundle” of Advocacy Courses (2020-2021)

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Description

The “Bundle” of Advocacy Courses, now entering its eighth year, is being offered to upper year students in 2020-2021. The Bundle consists of four separate courses, Civil Procedure and Trial Advocacy in the fall term followed by Evidence and Appellate Advocacy in the winter term. The courses are taught on an integrated basis to a single group of 80 students.

There are no pre-requisites (apart from completion of first year) for any of the Bundle’s four courses. A common question is: “Can I take Trial Advocacy without having taken Civil Procedure and Evidence first?” The answer is absolutely “yes” because these courses complement each other. By doing a variety of trial advocacy exercises in the fall term, you will better understand the substantive aspects of Civil Procedure. In the winter term, students will take Evidence and Appellate Advocacy concurrently. These courses will build upon what you learn in the fall term. In addition, most of the student exercises in appellate advocacy deal with the substantive evidence law topics. In other words, you will have several opportunities to immediately apply what you are learning in evidence.

Here is the list of specific Bundle courses for 2020 - 2021 - [You must register in four Bundle courses:](#)

Fall Term (2 courses)

Mandatory:

- 1) **CML2309 C** – Civil Procedure (3 units) offered by Prof. Brandon Stewart
 - Tuesday & Thursday 2:30pm to 4:00pm

PLUS one of the following sections of Trial Advocacy:

- **CML3154 B** – Trial Advocacy: Civil Case File (3 units) offered by Profs. Karin Stein & Vasu Naik
 - Wednesday 7-10pm

OR

- **CML3154 C** – Trial Advocacy: Civil Case File (3 units) offered by Profs. Stephen Kelly & David Elliott
 - Wednesday 7-10 pm

OR

- **CML3154 D** – Trial Advocacy: Civil Case File (3 units) offered by Profs. Stephen Kurelek & Michael Crystal
 - Wednesday 7-10pm

OR

- **CML3158 A*** - Trial Advocacy: Criminal Case File (3 units) offered by Profs. Eric Granger & Hon. Kevin Phillips - Wednesday 7-10pm (**see next page for a description of this course**)

***CML 3158A was added to the Bundle in 2019-2020.** Limited to 20 students, it will be taught in conjunction with CML3154 since many trial advocacy skills like case analysis, examination in chief, cross - examination, expert witnesses, etc. are common to both civil and criminal cases. The main in-class exercises in CML3158 A are based on an interesting murder case. Through this, students will gain insight into some of the unique aspects of a criminal trial.

Winter Term (2 courses)

Mandatory

- 1) **CML3303 C** – Evidence (3 units) offered by Prof. Stephen Blair
 - Tuesday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm & Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 pm

PLUS, one of the following sections of Appellate Advocacy (see instructions below):

- 2) **CML2101 B** – Appellate Advocacy (3 units) offered by Prof. Karin Stein
 - Monday 7-9 pm & Wednesday 7-9pm

OR

- 2) **CML2101 C** – Appellate Advocacy (3 units) offered by Prof. Michael Davies
 - Monday 7-9 pm & Wednesday 7-9pm

OR

- 2) **CML2101 D** – Appellate Advocacy (3 units) offered by Prof. Eric Granger
 - Monday 7-9 pm & Wednesday 7-9pm

Please Read Carefully Before Selecting your Appellate Advocacy Section:

If you enrol in CML 3154B, C, or D (Civil Case File) then you must enrol in the same lettered section of Appellate Advocacy that corresponds with your Trial Advocacy section. For example, if you enrol in CML 3154C then you must enrol in CML 2101C.

Students who enrol in CML 3158A (Criminal Case File) may choose any section of Appellate Advocacy for registration purposes but this choice is subject to change by the administration as the winter term approaches.

Distance Learning – Online Instruction in 2020-21

In the 2020 Fall Term, Civil Procedure (CML 2309C) and Trial Advocacy (CML 3154 and 3158) will be taught using the Zoom platform. In the 2021 Winter Term, it is possible that regular classes will resume at Fautuex Hall. If not, then the 2021 winter term Bundle courses, Appellate Advocacy (CML2 101) and Evidence (CML3303C), will be taught remotely using the Zoom platform.

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Enrolment and Registration – Please Read Carefully

Enrolment in the Bundle is limited to 80 upper year students with 40 spots reserved for incoming 3rd year students and the remaining 40 spots reserved for incoming 2nd year students. In the event that fewer than 40 third year students enrol in the Bundle then these additional spots will be made available to incoming 2nd year students. Our experience to date is that most students who register in the Bundle are in 2nd year with only a handful of 3rd year student registrations.

As a student registered in the Bundle, you gain priority access to the Bundle courses. You will satisfy the mandatory upper year oral advocacy and civil procedure course requirements. You will also take evidence. While not a mandatory course, most students at UOttawa do take a course in evidence.

Registration in the bundle must be done by submitting a [Bundle Registration Form](#). If you want to participate in the 2020-21 Bundle, then you must complete and submit a registration form **by 11h59 pm EDT on Friday June 12, 2020.**

If there are more than 80 applicants for the bundle then the selection of students will be made by lottery. You will be notified whether or not you have been accepted into the Bundle before the start of the general upper year course registration periods.

Please note that the staff will do their best to accommodate your request for particular sections and instructors in trial and appellate advocacy. However, we reserve the right to assign you to sections where spaces are available. Please note that all instructors in both trial and appellate advocacy are very experienced counsel and that all sections of each course follow a common outline.