

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2004 B - Introduction to Criminal Law
TERM:	Fall/Winter 2007-2008
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesday 11:30 to 2:30 Room: 447 TB
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Students with disabilities needing academic accommodations in this course are required to contact a coordinator at the Paul Menton Centre to complete the necessary *letters of accommodation*. The student must then make an appointment to discuss their needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first class or ITV test. This is to ensure sufficient time is available to make the necessary accommodation arrangement. Please note the deadline for submitting completed forms to the PMC for formally scheduled exam accommodations is November 6, 2007 for December examinations and March 9, 2008, for April examinations. With regard to accommodations for religious obligations and pregnancy, please see <http://www.carleton.ca/law/accommodations.htm>.

GENERAL

The purpose of this course is to provide a broad introduction to the Canadian criminal legal system. The course will examine the basic framework of criminal law, its sources and the institutions, procedures, rules and actors that comprise the system. The goal is to achieve an understanding of how the criminal law operates in the context of Canadian society and to appreciate its features. The course will also cover some of the substantive and topical areas of criminal law to provide the necessary understanding of how the foregoing aspects interrelate and interphase.

N.B. The prerequisite for enrolling in this course is the successful completion of LAWS 1000.

MATERIALS

(A) Required text:

Learning Canadian Criminal Law, 7th ed. - D. Stuart & R. Delisle (KE8808.5.L42 1999)

(B) Supplementary (on Reserve in the Library):

1. *Criminal Law, 3^d ed.* - Kent Roach (KE8809.R62 2004)

2. *Canadian Criminal Justice: A Primer 2nd ed.* - C. Griffiths & A. Cunningham (HV9960.C2 G76 2002)

3. *Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Contexts* (Toronto: Carswell, 2002) - Available at the Bookstore

WEB SITE

The PowerPoint presentations used in class will be posted on the course Web site along with course announcements, grades, and other materials. To logon, go to <http://webct.carleton.ca/>. Only students registered in the course have access to the site; your Username and Password to sign on are the same as those for your Connect account (make sure that your Connect account has been activated first). **It is imperative that the student have access to the course Web site.**

EVALUATION

1. Fall Term Midterm	15%
2. December Examination	35%
3. Winter Term Midterm	15%
4. April Examination	35%

Explanation of evaluation scheme:

1. The December and April examinations will be held during the formal examination periods; the exact dates, times and locations will be announced by the Scheduling Office during the respective terms. Both examinations are closed book and will consist of multiple choice questions. The April examination will cover material only from the Winter term.
2. The Fall term midterm will consist of an essay question and will be written on a date to be announced at the beginning of term. It will be a closed book exam. Complete details will be provided before the midterm.
3. The Winter term midterm will also consist of an essay question and will be written on a date to be announced at the beginning of term. It will be a closed book exam. Complete details will be provided before the midterm.

Please note:

- i) A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation must be provided to support any request to write a deferred examination.
- ii) Both sections of the course write the same exams
- iii) The midterms will be available for pick-up once they are marked. Section G students' midterms will be available from the instructor and Section V students' midterms will be available from the Media Distribution Centre, D299 Loeb.

SYLLABUS

A list of the specific topics, required readings (all from the text) and schedule for the Fall term will be available at the beginning of term; however, the general topics and the order in which they are presented are as follows (subject to some variations as required by time constraints):

Introduction

Procedural and substantive issues

The sources of criminal law (the roles of the Constitution, of Parliament and of the courts)

Actors

Police - Investigation to charge
Prosecution and Defence
Judges
Witnesses - Victims
The Accused

Pre-trial to trial
Plea bargaining
Sentencing and Punishment

The Winter term schedule will be distributed at the end of the Fall term.

Grades and Grade Adjustments

Students must complete all the requirements of the course to obtain a passing grade. Furthermore, be advised that there is the possibility the final marks in these sections of LAWS 2004 will be adjusted if they are markedly different from the distribution and/or average of the marks received in other sections of this course.

Policy and Procedures

For a general statement on instructional offences, special examinations, prerequisites, etc., please read carefully the Department of Law's "Course-Related Policy and Procedure Statement" (attached to hard copies). This document can also be found at:
<http://www.carleton.ca/law/policy.htm>. You are strongly encouraged to read it carefully.