

## Course Outline

<b>COURSE:</b>	<b>LAWS 2004 C – Criminal Law in Context</b>
<b>TERM:</b>	<b>Fall 2008/09</b>
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	<b>LAWS 1000</b>
<b>CLASS:</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time: Wednesday 18:05-20:55</b>
	<b>Room: Fall: 304 SA (Southam Hall)</b>
	<b>Winter: 4499 ME (Mackenzie Engineering)</b>
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"Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Registered PMC students are required to contact the centre, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that I receive your letter of accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you require accommodation for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodation to PMC by November 7, 2008, for December examinations, and March 6, 2009, for April examinations." With regard to accommodations for religious obligations and pregnancy, please see [http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/accom\\_policy.html](http://www.carleton.ca/pmc/students/accom_policy.html)

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**GENERAL PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this course is to provide a broad introduction to the Canadian criminal legal system and to the institutions, processes, rules and actors that comprise it. The goal is to situate the criminal law within its general social setting and to examine the interrelationship of criminal law and societal practices, values and aspirations.

The latter portion of the course will consider specific problems related to sexual assault, sentencing and parole, and, young people. The course will conclude with a consideration of the evolution of criminal law as it deals with issues related to terror and contagion.

A detailed schedule of readings will be posted on the course website, however, the course will generally consider the following issues:

1. Introduction
2. Context of criminal law (relationship to law in general, societal values)
3. Brief overview of crime in Canada
4. Criminal law and its sources (common law, the Constitution, Parliament and the Courts)
5. The structure of Canadian courts
6. Criminal process
7. Actors in the system (Police, Victims, Lawyers, Accused, Judges, the Public)
8. The concept of criminal responsibility
9. The trial process
10. Defences
11. Sentencing and Punishment
12. Parole
13. Young people and the law
14. Sexual assault
15. The doctrine of preemption
16. The evolution of criminal law as it deals with terror and contagion

**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 log on, 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.**

In WebCT, we will be using the Fall term version of the course for both terms. You can hide the Winter version on your *My WebCT* page in the following manner:

Log into WebCT

In the "Course List" channel, click the "Edit Course List" icon (it is the pencil-like icon in the upper right)

Put a check mark beside the Winter version of the course

Click the "Hide" button

Click the *My WebCt* tab (upper left)

Readings in addition to the main text will be posted on the website. As well the overall schedule will be maintained on the website.

**EVALUATION:**

1. 30% - December Examination
  2. 35% - Short Paper
  3. 35% - April Examination
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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 and/or short answer questions. The April examination will cover material only from the Winter term.
  2. Examinations will cover materials addressed through the readings and related classwork.
  3. The short paper will be of 7 pages in length and will be a briefing note on an assigned topic.
    - a. Topics will be assigned by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and will be due on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
    - b. A style guide setting out format and structural requirements will be posted on the website. Minor deviations from style guidelines will result in a mark reduction of 5 – 10%. Major deviations from style guidelines will result in a mark reduction of 20 – 25%.
  4. Students must complete all elements of the course in order to obtain a final grade.
  5. 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" which can be found at <http://www.carleton.ca/law/policy.htm>. You are strongly encouraged to read it carefully.

Please note as well that there are several services available on campus that can provide you with advice on studying, reviewing, writing exams and essays, etc.; for example there is the Writing Tutorial Service (4 Floor of the Library), the Student Academic Success Centre (SASC 302 Tory) and the Learning Commons (4th Floor of the Library).