

## Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2301B
TERM:	FALL 2013
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Monday 1805 hrs Room: Please check Carleton Central for current room location
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You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide a broad introduction to the Canadian criminal legal system and to the institutions, processes, rules and actors. The goal is to situate the criminal law within its general social setting and to examine the interrelationship between the aspirations and practices of each.

A strong emphasis is placed on the practical aspect of the law and how the players within the legal system achieve justice. The class will be based on lectures, discussions and in-class

activities. Each student is expected to do the background readings for each class and to be prepared to engage in discussion and analysis of the relevant issues.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS**

Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Contexts – by R.P. Saunders & J. McMunagle – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

### **SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS**

The Criminal Code (Martin's Annual Criminal Code or Gold's). A pocket Edition of The Criminal Code of Canada is acceptable.

### **EVALUATION**

**(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)**

**40% - Paper (7 page limit)**

**60% - Final Exam (In Class)**

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **WEEK 1 - September 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Introduction & Review of Course Outline

Readings: Chapter 1
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#### **WEEK 2 - September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Perspectives on Criminal Law

Readings: Chapter 2
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#### **WEEK 3 - September 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

The Production of Criminal Law – Legislation and the Role of Parliament

Readings: Chapter 3.1
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**WEEK 4 – September 30<sup>th</sup>**

The Role of the Courts

Readings: Chapter 3.2

**WEEK 5 - October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Police

Readings: Chapter 4.1; Chapter 8.2; Interview with Kyle Kirkup online:  
<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/Local+Shows/ID/2397960322/>**WEEK 6 - October 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Crown/Defence Counsel

Readings: Chapter 4.2; *Boucher v. The Queen*, online at  
<http://canlii.org/en/ca/scc/doc/1954/1954canlii3/1954canlii3.pdf>; The Role of Defence Counsel,  
posted on CuLearn.**WEEK 7 – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Victims

Readings: Chapter 4.4

**WEEK 8 - November 11<sup>th</sup>:**The Accused and the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

Readings: Chapter 4.5; Chapter 7.3.2

**WEEK 9 - November 18<sup>th</sup>:***Actus Reus*

Readings: Chapter 6.1.1

**WEEK 10 – November 25<sup>th</sup>:**

*Mens Rea*

Readings: Chapter 6.1.2

**WEEK 11 – December 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Defences

Readings: TBA

**WEEK 12 – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Sentencing

Readings: Chapter 5