

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2301 D – Criminal Justice System

TERM: Fall 2012

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1000

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Monday 18:05-20:55

Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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GENERAL

This course is designed to provide a broad introduction to the Canadian Criminal Legal System and to the institution, 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. In the latter part of the course, the focus will be on the criminal law in its more traditional formulations as found in *The Criminal Code* of Canada and in the cases, along with specific current issues in Canada.

MATERIALS

- A. Required Text: Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Context **4th Edition** (Toronto: Carswell, 2002).
- B. Recommended: Criminal Justice in Canada by Colin Goff 4TH edition.
- C. Recommended: *The Criminal Code* (Martin's Annual *Criminal Code* or Tremear's). A pocket Edition of *The Criminal Code* of Canada is acceptable.

MARKING SCHEME

- 1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam will be held on **Oct/12**
- 2. Final Examination 35% - Held in December exam period (**TBA**)
- 3. Essay Assignment 35% - Due date for assignment is **Nov 26/12**.
- 4. Participation 10% - Based on attendance and participation

Both examinations will be closed book. The examinations will comprise multiple choice and short-answer questions. Students will be responsible for all of the required readings, information provided by guest speakers, supplementary material distributed in class as well as material covered in the lectures.

SYLLABUS/SCHEDULE – FALL TERM

Sep 10	<u>Topic:</u>	Introduction and course overview/Assignment
Sep 17	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal Law and Government Regulation Chapter 1
Sep 24	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Perspectives on criminal law Chapter 2
Oct 1	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Perspectives on criminal law - (continued) Chapter 2
Oct 8		THANKSGIVING MONDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASS
Oct 15	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Legislation and the role of Parliament Chapter 3
Oct 22	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	The Role of the Courts Chapter 3
Oct 29		IN CLASS MIDTERM EXAM – 20%
Nov 5	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4-section 4.1
Nov 12	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.2 - GUEST SPEAKERS TO ATTEND
Nov 19	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.3 – GUEST SPEAKER TO ATTEND
Nov 26	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.4 – Submission date for Assignment
Dec 3	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law – personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.5- plus 1-4 for Exam Review