

## Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2301D Criminal Justice System
TERM:	Fall 2013
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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**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/>

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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 **4<sup>th</sup> Edition** (Toronto: Carswell, 2002).
- B. Recommended: Criminal Justice in Canada by Colin Goff 4<sup>TH</sup> 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**

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

- 1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam will be held on **Nov 4/13**
- 2. Final Examination 35% - Held in the December exam period (**TBA**)
- 3. Essay Assignment 35% - Due date for assignment is **Dec 2/13**
- 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 9      Topic:      Introduction and course overview/Assignment
- Sep 16      Topic:      Criminal Law and Government Regulation  
                 Readings:    Chapter 1

- Sep 23      Topic:      Perspectives on criminal law  
Readings:      Chapter 2
- Sep 30      Topic:              Perspectives on criminal law - (continued)  
Readings:      Chapter 2
- Oct 7        Topic:      Legislation and the role of Parliament  
Readings:      Chapter 3
- Oct 14      THANKSGIVING MONDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASS**
- Oct 21      Topic:      The Role of the Courts  
Readings:      Chapter 3
- Oct 28      FALL BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS**
- Nov 4        IN CLASS MIDTERM EXAM – 20%**
- Nov 11      Topic:      Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers  
Readings:      Chapter 4-section 4.1
- Nov 18      Topic:      Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers  
Readings:      Chapter 4.2 - **GUEST SPEAKERS TO ATTEND**
- Nov 25      Topic:      Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers  
Readings:      Chapter 4.3 – **GUEST SPEAKER TO ATTEND**
- Dec 2        Topic:      Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers  
Readings:      Chapter 4.4 – **Submission date for Assignment**
- Dec 9        Topic:              Criminal law – personnel, participants and powers  
Readings:      Chapter 4.5- plus 1-4 for Exam Review