

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2301 F – Criminal Justice System

TERM: WINTER 2017

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1000

CLASS: Day & Time: THURSDAY, 18:05 – 20:55
Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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<http://carleton.ca/law/current-students/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will serve as an introduction to the various parts, procedures, rules, and actors which make up the Canadian criminal legal system. A strong emphasis will be placed on examining past and present issues in criminal law from a social scientific perspective, through both theoretical and empirical lenses. An emphasis will also be placed on critically engaging with and examining these issues, and the criminal justice system as a whole, within larger social and political realities, so as to better understand the connections between social practices and settings and the criminal law. By the end of the course, students are expected to:

- Identify the agencies and organizations that collectively make up the criminal justice system
- Identify the roles, responsibilities and powers of the various actors/participants involved in the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of how Canada's current criminal justice system exists in specific post-colonial, historical, geographical, and social contexts, and an ability to critically analyze how these contexts impact the operation of criminal justice law;
- Analyze and discuss the major challenges confronting the criminal justice system, and critically engage with the possibility of alternative approaches within this system
- Demonstrate an ability to approach contemporary criminal justice issues and texts with a critical lens and an open mind.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Saunders, Ron & Bromwich, Rebecca. ***Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical Social and Legal Contexts, Fifth Edition*** (Toronto: Carswell, 2016.) ISBN/ISSN/Product Number: 978-0-7798-7298-5

Available for purchase at the Campus Bookstore

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Ismail, Sprott and Varma, *Canadian Criminal Justice Policy*. (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2012.) ISBN: 0195439414

Available for purchase at the Campus Bookstore

***Additional readings for selected weeks will be posted on CuLearn

EVALUATION

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

Details concerning all assignments and the final exam will be covered in lecture

Parliamentary Submission 30%

Assignment details will be discussed in class and a detailed rubric will be posted on CuLearn; Due Date for assignment is February 16th

Essay 35%

Essay question will be given in class and detailed rubric will be posted on CuLearn; Due Date for assignment is March 23rd

Final Exam 35%

Exam will be held during the Winter exam period, between April 10-25th (exact date will be posted later in the semester)

The exam will be closed book, and will contain a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions. Students are responsible for all of the required readings, supplementary material distributed in class and online, and all of the material covered in lectures.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 (January 5th) and assignments	Introduction and Course Overview: Course themes, Key concepts, course evaluation,
Week 2 (January 12th) <i>Readings: Chapter 1</i>	Setting the framework: Criminal Law and Government Regulation
Week 3 (January 19th) <i>Readings: Chapter 2</i>	Critical Perspectives on Criminal Law
Week 4 (January 26th) <i>Readings: Chapter 3</i>	Legislation and the Role of Parliament
Week 5 (February 2nd) <i>Readings: Chapter 3</i>	The Role of the Courts

Week 6 (February 9th) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.1</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 7 (February 16th) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.2</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers *** <i>Parliamentary Submission Due</i>
Week 8 (February 23rd)	Winter Break, no classes
Week 9 (March 2nd) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.3</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 10 (March 9th) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.4</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 11 (March 16th) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.5</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 12 (March 23rd) <i>Readings: TBA</i>	Rethinking CJ: Challenges, Controversies, and Alternatives I *** <i>Essay Due</i>
Week 13 (March 30th) <i>Readings: TBA</i>	Rethinking CJ: Challenges, Controversies, and Alternatives II
Week 14 (April 6th)	Course review and exam prep