

## Course Outline

**COURSE:** LAWS 2301 E – Criminal Justice System

**TERM:** Fall 2011-12

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 1000

**CLASS:**           **Day & Time:** Monday 1805-2055  
                         **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 **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 Tremeeear's). A pocket Edition of *The Criminal Code* of Canada is acceptable.

**MARKING SCHEME** – All components must be completed in order to pass this course

1. **Midterm Examination 20%** - In class exam will be held on **Oct 17/11**
2. **Final Examination 35%** - Will be held during the December exam period (**TBA**).
3. **Essay Assignment 35%** - Due date for assignment is **Nov 21/11**.
4. **Participation 10%** - Will be based on attendance and active 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 12	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Introduction – course overview and administrative matters</b>
Sep 19	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Criminal Law and Government Regulation in Perspective</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 1
Sep 26	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Perspectives on criminal law- theoretical issues and perspectives</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 2
Oct 3	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Perspectives on criminal law - (continued)</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 2
Oct 10	<b>THANKSGIVING MONDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASS</b>	
Oct 17	<b>IN CLASS MIDTERM EXAM – 20%</b>	
Oct 24	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>The production of criminal law – Legislation and the role of parliament</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 3
Oct 31	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>The production of criminal law (cont'd) – The Role of the Courts</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 3
Nov 7	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers – Police</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 4-section 4.1
Nov 14	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers – Crown/Defence</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 4.2
Nov 21	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers- Judges</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 4.3
Nov 28	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Criminal law – personnel, participants and powers - Victims</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 4.4
Dec 5	<b><u>Topic:</u></b>	<b>Criminal law – personnel, participants and powers - Accused</b>
	<b><u>Readings:</u></b>	Chapter 4.5