

Carleton University

Department of Law and Legal Studies

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2302 B - CRIMINAL LAW

TERM: FALL 2015

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1000

CLASS: Day & Time: MONDAY 18:05-20:55

Room: 182 UNIVERSITY CENTRE

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GENERAL

This course is an extension of the theories and approaches that were covered in LAWS 2301. It is designed to provide a practical introduction to Criminal Law in Canada and to the institution, processes and rules. The goal is to highlight the elements of criminal offences and to examine various legal defences and their effectiveness in the system.

Students will be provided with an opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge to use in formal practice through a class assignment. In this course, the focus will be on the legal jurisprudence and various sections *The Criminal Code* of Canada.

MATERIALS /TEXTBOOKS

- A. Required Text: Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Context 4th Edition – Authored by Ron Saunders and John McMunagle. The text is available at the University Bookstore, The Haven Bookstore and is on Reserve at the university Library.

- B. Required: Criminal Justice in Canada by Colin Goff 6TH edition. The text is available at the University Bookstore.

MARKING SCHEME

Please note that 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.

1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam (one and a half hours) will be **Oct 19 /15**

2. Final Examination 40% - Will be during the Dec 9th-21st exam period

3. Class Assignment 30% - Assignments due **Nov 16/15**

4. Participation 10% - Will be based upon attendance and participations

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

SYLLABUS – FALL TERM

- Sep 4 Topic: Course Introduction, Overview and assignments
Readings: None required for this day
- Sep 14 Topic: Crime, Sentencing and Punishment

- Readings: Chapter 5
- Sep 21 Topic: Criminal law and liability – Elements of an offence
Readings: Chapter 6 – section 6.1
- Sep 28 Topic: Criminal law and liability- Incomplete offences
Readings: Chapter 6 – section 6.2
- Oct 5 Topic: Criminal law and liability- Attaching liability
Reading: Chapter 6 – section 6.3
- Oct 12 THANKSGIVING – NO SCHEDULED CLASS**
- Oct 19 MIDTERM EXAMINATION**
- Oct 26 FALL BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS**
- Nov 2 Topic: Defences- Justification and Excuses
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.1
- Nov 9 Topic: Defences- Absences of intent of knowledge
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.2
- Nov 16 Topic: Defences- Policy Defences and Incapacity
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.3 and 7.4 **ESSAY ASSIGNMENT DUE**

Nov 23 Topic: Selected Topics in criminal justice – Sexual assault

Readings: Chapter 8- section 8.1

Nov 30 Topic: Selected Topics in criminal justice-Racism and the criminal justice system

Readings: Chapter 8 – section 8.2

Dec 7 Topic: EXAM REVIEW