

Course Outline

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<b>COURSE:</b>	<b>LAWS 2302E - Criminal Law</b>
<b>TERM:</b>	<b>Winter 2015</b>
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	<b>LAWS 1000</b>
<b>CLASS:</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time: Thursday - 6:05 p.m. – 8:55 p.m.</b> <b>Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location</b>
<b>INSTRUCTOR: (CONTRACT)</b>	<b>Dr. Roger R. Rickwood, LL.M., LL.B.</b>
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**Academic Accommodations**

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**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/>

**Religious 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/>

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

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<http://www.carleton.ca/studentaffairs/academic-integrity/>

### ***Department Policy***

The Department of Law and Legal Studies operates in association with certain policies and procedures. Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations.

<http://www.carleton.ca/law/student-resources/department-policies/>

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to examine, in an increasingly complex constitutional and social context, the principles of criminal law liability and responsibility in Canada, including issues and problems surrounding *mens rea*, *actus reus*, and knowledge. Liability for unfulfilled crimes and various degrees of participation in a crime will be assessed. Various defences, including entrapment, self-defence, duress, necessity, provocation, intoxication and mental disorder will be considered. The course examines the application of general principles of criminal liability to some specific offences, including the various forms of homicide, sexual, property and terrorism offences. Regulatory offences and corporate and organized crimes are also explored. A historical legal and jurisprudential perspective is emphasized in the context of evolving *Charter* protections, criminal law policy, and judicial review.

**COURSE FORMAT** Lectures and in-class discussions - three hours a week  
– in-class registration taken

## **REQUIRED TEXTS**

- STUART, Don, Ronald J. DELISLE, and Steve COUGLAN, *Learning Canadian Criminal Law*, 12<sup>th</sup> edition, Toronto, Carswell, 2012. ISBN 978-0-7798-4925-3 soft cover (referred to as Stuart) paper – Available for purchase at Carleton University Bookstore
- Roach, Kent, *Criminal Law*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., (Toronto Irwin law,2012), ISBN 13-978-15522-13018, (referred to as Roach) paper. – Available for purchase at Carleton University Bookstore
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights* (UDHR) ([www.un.org](http://www.un.org))
- Handouts - including Criminal law offences and procedures summary

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS**

- Saunders, R.P. and J. Mungale, *Criminal Law in Canada*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.,(Toronto, Carswell,2002).
- Martin's Annual Criminal Code 2014 Student Edition*, (Toronto: Canada Law Book, 2013).
- Pocket Criminal Code 2014*, (Toronto: Carswell, 2013).(referred to as PCC)

-O'Regan, Karla and Susan Reid, *Thinking About Criminal Justice in Canada*, (Toronto, Emond Montgomery, 2013)

## **EVALUATION**

**N.B. All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade**

First mid-term test (2 hours) (closed book)	30% - February 12
Second mid-term test – Take home case study	20%- Due March 19
Final examination (2 hours)	40%- (TBA in examination period April 11-23, 2015)
Class/lecture participation	10%- (in-class registration taken)

**ALL STUDENTS are required to sign the register at every class. Your participation mark is based in part on attendance and in part on active participation in class discussions. Explanation of your absence for medical and compassionate reasons will be considered in adjusting the registration record. Excuses that you did not know there is a sign-in registration will not be accepted. ONLY ATTENDING AN IN-CLASS EXAM WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ATTENDANCE FOR PURPOSES OF THE PARTICIPATION MARK. SHOULD YOU FAIL TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE REGULAR CLASS, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN F FOR CLASS PARTICIPATION AND THUS WILL FAIL THE COURSE.**

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.

There will be a late penalty of 2 per cent per day after March 19 and no case study report will be accepted after March 26. Case studies will **only** be accepted for marking in **hard copy format**. Electronic copies will be accepted to establish date of receipt of case study only. **These will be downloaded, but will not be printed off or marked.**

Exam preparation can benefit from reviewing statutes, notes and materials on 2302E cuLearn site. Links to specific sections of the *Criminal Code* on Dept. of Justice website can be accessed via cuLearn site. The Department Citation Style Guide is on cuLearn site and on the Law & Legal Studies Department home page.

## **SCHEDULE**

Jan. 8 **Overview - Historical evolution of criminal law – Common Law to Codification and to *Canadian Bill of Rights* and *Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms***

- Roach, Ch. 1; Stuart, Ch. 1(1)(a)(b)(c)(d)
- UDHR (www.un.org); CCRF in PCC pp. 811-816 and CBR in PCC, pp. 807-809

Jan. 15 **Criminal law and the Constitution. Federal and Provincial Responsibilities**

- Roach, Ch. 2 and pp. 505-515; Stuart, Ch. 2(1)(2)(3)(4)

Jan.16 **LAST DAY TO REGISTER/CHANGE COURSES**

Jan. 22 **The Prohibited Act (*Actus Reus*)**

- Roach, Ch. 3; Stuart, Ch. 2(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)

Jan. 29 **The Fault Element (*Mens Rea*)**

- Roach, Ch. 5; Stuart, Ch.3 (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)

Feb. 5 **Unfulfilled Crimes and Parties to a Crime; Mistake of Fact & Law**

- Roach, Ch. 4 & 5, pp.184-189; Stuart, Ch. 8(1)(2)(3) and Ch. 9

Feb. 12 **FIRST MID-TERM TERM TEST (In-class – 2 hours exam, closed book)**

Feb. 16 **Family Day – University closed**

Feb. 16-20 **Reading week – No class and no office hours on Feb. 19**

Feb. 26 **Criminal Defences – Incapacity, Provocation, Mental Disorder, Intoxication, Automatism**

- Roach, Ch. 7, 8; Stuart, Ch. 6(3)(4); Defences handout

**Case Study Take Home Mid-Term Exam Handed Out - Due March 19, 2015**

Projected date for return of first mid-term tests.

Mar. 5 **Criminal Defences - Justifications and Excuses: Duress, Necessity, Self-Defence, Consent, Policy Defences (Entrapment, *Charter* Protections)**

- Roach, Ch. 9; Stuart, Ch.7(1)(2)(3)(9); Roach, pp,42-44, 465

Mar. 6 **Final Date to Apply for Final Exam at Paul Menton Centre**

Mar. 12 **Special Part – Homicide and Sexual Offences**

- Roach, Ch. 10; Stuart, Ch. 3(4)(5)(6)(7) and Ch. 4(1)(2)(3)(4)

Mar. 19 **Special Part: 1) Theft and 2) Fraud Property Offences**

- Roach, ch. 10, pp.397-400; ch.9 (defence of property) pp.308-310

**Case Study Due (No case studies accepted after Mar. 26 – 2% penalty per day after March 19)****Mar. 26 Regulatory Offences and Corporate Crime**

- Roach ch. 6 & ch.12, pp. 450-451; Stuart, Ch. 3(1)(2)(3)

**Apr. 2 Last Class - Group Responsibility, Organized Crime, Terrorism and *Charter* and Possible Future Criminal Law Reforms**

- Course Evaluation and return of case studies
- **Final Exam Review**

- Roach, Ch.11, pp. 401-412; Stuart, Ch. 10

**Apr. 3 Statutory holiday – University Closed – No classes – No office hours****Apr. 8 Last Day All Classes – Final Term Work Receipt Day for Approved Deferrals – Last Day to Withdraw from Course without grade being assigned.****Apr.9-10 Study Days****Apr. 11-23 Official Exam Period**

**FINAL EXAM - TBA (Date available on line Feb. 13)  
(2 hours – closed book – in exam period) (covers lectures & materials from Feb. 26-Apr. 2 – 50% quiz and 50% essay)**

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