

## Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2302 F – Criminal Law
TERM:	Winter 2014
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	<b>Day &amp; Time:</b> Tuesdays – 18:05 – 20:55 <b>Room:</b> Tory Building 342 (Please check with Carleton Central for current room location)
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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/>

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course introduces students to the legal and social dimensions of criminal law in Canada within a theoretical and practical framework.

This course will examine the concepts of *mens rea*, *actus reus*, and the attachment of liability. We will then explore defences, justifications and excuses to criminal offences. The course will also have a section on *Charter* rights and protections. Finally, we will explore the many concepts and principles of sentencing in criminal law.

**REQUIRED READING**

Roach, Kent. *Criminal Law, 5<sup>th</sup> edition*. (Irwin Law: August 2012)

Students should also have a copy of the *Criminal Code* available for reference. Available online at <http://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/stat/rsc-1985-c-c-46/latest/rsc-1985-c-c-46.html>

The textbook will be placed on reserve at the Carleton University Library

**EVALUATION**

Assignment: 25% - Criminal Law Paper (**Due Date: March 11, 2014 at 6:05pm**)

Midterm: 30% - **February 11, 2014** (in-class)

Final exam: 45% - **Date TBD**

**NB: All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade.**

**SCHEDULE**

The lectures are organized into various topic areas with assigned readings.

I will also post readings such as news articles, case law etc. on CULearn. I will try and give as much advance notice as possible when posting these items.

**TOPICS:****January 7:**

Course Introduction

Chapter 1 - Overview

**January 14:**

Chapter 2 – The Criminal Law and the Constitution

**January 21:**

Chapter 3 – The Prohibited Act, or *Actus Reus*

**January 28:**

Chapter 4 – Unfulfilled Crimes and Participation in Crimes

**February 4:**

Chapter 5 – The Fault Element, or *Mens Rea*

**February 11:**

**In-Class Midterm**

**February 18:**

**WINTER BREAK**

**February 25:**

Chapter 6 – Regulatory offences and Corporate Crime

**March 4:**

Chapter 7 - Intoxication

**March 11:**

Chapter 8 – Mental Disorder and Automatism

**March 18:**

Chapter 9 – Self-defence, Necessity and Duress

**March 25:**

Chapter 10 – Homicide, Sexual, Property, and Terrorism Offences

**April 1:**

Chapter 11 - Sentencing

**April 8:**

Chapter 12 - Conclusion

Course Review and Exam Review/Preparation