

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2302 E – Criminal Law
TERM:	Winter 2010-11
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 an extension of the theories and approaches that were covered in LAWS 2301 E. It is designed to provide a practical introduction to the Canadian Criminal Legal System 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 in class presentations. In this course, the focus will be on the legal jurisprudence and various sections *The Criminal Code* of Canada.

MATERIALS

- A. Required Text: Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Context **4th Edition** (Toronto: Carswell, 2002).
- B. Recommended: Criminal Justice in Canada by Colin Goff 4TH edition.
- C. Recommended: *The Criminal Code* (Martin's Annual *Criminal Code* or Tremear's). A pocket Edition of *The Criminal Code* of Canada is acceptable.

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

1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam will be held on **Feb 7/11**
2. Final Examination 40% - Will be held during the April exam period (**TBA**).
3. Class Assignment 30% - Presentations to completed in class throughout term
4. Participation 10% - Will be based on attendance and active participation

Both examinations will be closed book. The examinations will be comprised of 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 – WINTER TERM

Jan 3	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Course Introduction, Assignments Sentencing & Punishment–Sentencing Chapter 5 – section 5.1
Jan 10	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Sentencing and Punishment – Punishment Chapter 5 – section 5.2 – GUEST SPEAKER
Jan 17	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law and liability – Elements of an offence Chapter 6 – section 6.1
Jan 24	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law and liability- Incomplete offences Chapter 6 – section 6.2
Jan 31	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Reading:</u>	Criminal law and liability- Attaching liability Chapter 6 – section 6.3
Feb 7		IN CLASS MIDTERM EXAM – 20%
Feb 14	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Defences- Justification and Excuses Chapter 7 – section 7.1
FEBRUARY 21-24		READING WEEK – NO SCHEDULED CLASSES
Feb 28	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Defences- Absences of intent of knowledge Chapter 7 – section 7.2
Mar 7	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Defences- Policy Defences and Incapacity Chapter 7 – section 7.3 and 7.4
Mar 14	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Selected Topics in criminal justice – Sexual assault Chapter 8- section 8.1
Mar 21	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Selected Topics in criminal justice-Racism and the criminal justice system Chapter 8 – section 8.2
Mar 28	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Selected Topics in criminal justice Chapter 8 – section 8.3
Apr 4	<u>Topic:</u>	Class Presentations/Examination Review