

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3306A – Crime, Law, Process and Politics
TERM:	Fall 2015
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302
CLASS:	Day & Time: Wednesdays – 18:05 – 20:55 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aim of the course is to develop a critical understanding of the constant evolution of criminal law in Canada. The course will examine the way Canadians think, talk and act on criminal justice and how this has shaped the criminal justice system today.

The course will be taught from a legal-process perspective that will concern itself with legislative, administrative, judicial and private ordering and their interactions. This process is also rooted in a pragmatic approach to politics which attempts to understand competing perspectives and achieve some form of reconciliation between them.

The course will concentrate on the ongoing conflict and evolution of the due process vs. victims' rights perspective, the parties involved in said conflict (accused, victims, police, public and politicians) and the resulting debates on criminal law currently in the public domain. We will also focus in on specific offences and offenders to gain a better understanding of how the ongoing conflict affects criminal law today.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Roach, Kent. *Due Process and Victims' Rights: The New Law and Politics of Criminal Justice*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press Incorporated – Available for purchase at the Carleton Bookstore

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Roach, Kent. *Criminal Law, 5th 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>

EVALUATION

(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

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.

Participation:	10% (will be based on answering weekly question)
Mid-term exam:	35% (October 14, 2015 -18:05 to 21:05)
Final exam:	55% (Formal Examination Period - December 9 – 21, 2015) (3 hours, closed book)

SCHEDULE

The lectures are organized into various topic areas with assigned readings. Chapter number corresponds with chapter number in required textbook.

I will also post readings such as news articles, case law etc. on cuLearn. These various items will be considered “required reading”

TOPICS:

September 2: Basic Introduction to the Course

- Course Outline
- Overview of Topics and Methodology

September 9: Models of the Criminal Process

Chapter 1 – pgs 11 to 50

September 16: Introduction to the Charter Application Process & The Police

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms – Sections 7 to 24(2)
Chapter 2 – pgs 51 to 87

September 23: The Criminal Trial

Chapter 3 – pgs 88 - 114

September 30: Victimless Crimes?

Chapter 4 – pgs 115 - 150

October 7: Women

Chapter 5 – pgs 151 - 190

October 14:

Mid-term Examination – In-class

October 21: Young People

Chapter 6 – pgs 191-220

October 28:

Fall Break – No Classes

November 4: Minorities

Chapter 7 – pgs 221-249

November 11: Aboriginal People

Chapter 8 – pgs 250 - 277

November 18: Crime Victims

Chapter 9 – pgs 278 - 309

November 25: Conclusions and Future Direction

Chapter 10 – pgs 310 - 320

December 2: Course Review and Exam Review/Preparation