

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3306 B – Crime, Law, Process & Politics
TERM:	Winter 2009-10
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 2004
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays – 18:05 – 20:55
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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 between 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, 1999

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

Participation:	10% (will be based on attendance and active participation)
Mid-term exam:	35% (February 8, 2010)
Final exam:	55% (Exam Week - TBD)

SCHEDULE

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

TOPICS:

- Jan 4 Basic Introduction to the Course**
- Course Outline
- Overview of Topics and Methodology
- Jan 11 Models of the Criminal Process**
Chapter 1 – pgs 11 to 50
- Jan 18 The Police**
Chapter 2 – pgs 51 to 87
- Jan 25 The Criminal Trial**
Chapter 3 – pgs 88 - 114
- Feb 1 Victimless Crimes?**
Chapter 4 – pgs 115 - 150
- Feb 8 Mid-Term Examination**
- Feb 15 FAMILY DAY & WINTER BREAK**
- Feb 22 Women**
Chapter 5 – pgs 151 to 190
- Mar 1 Young People**
Chapter 6 – pgs 191 - 220
- Mar 8 Minorities**
Chapter 7 – pgs 221 - 249
- Mar 15 Aboriginal People**
Chapter 8 – pgs 250 to 277
- Mar 22 Illicit Drugs**
Erickson, Patricia G. (1999) A persistent paradox: Drug law and policy in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Criminology*, 41:275-284

Further readings to be assigned
- Mar 29 Crime Victims**
Chapter 9 – pgs 278 to 309
- Apr 5 Course Review and Exam Review/Preparation**