

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 3306 B – Crime, Law, Process & Politics
TERM:	Winter 2011-2012
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 2004
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays – 18:05 – 20:55 Room: Please check 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, 1999

EVALUATION

Participation:	10% (will be based on attendance and active participation)
Mid-term exam:	35% (in-class exam)
Final exam:	55% (Exam Week - 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. Chapter number corresponds with chapter number in required textbook.

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

TOPICS:**January 9, 2010: Basic Introduction to the Course**

- Course Outline
- Overview of Topics and Methodology

January 16: Models of the Criminal Process

Chapter 1 – pgs 11 to 50

January 23: 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

January 30: The Criminal Trial

Chapter 3 – pgs 88 - 114

February 6: Victimless Crimes?

Chapter 4 – pgs 115 - 150

February 13:**MID-TERM EXAMINATION**

February 20:

WINTER BREAK

February 27: Women

Chapter 5 – pgs 151 to 190

March 5: Young People

Chapter 6 – pgs 191 - 220

March 12: Minorities

Chapter 7 – pgs 221 - 249

March 19: Aboriginal People

Chapter 8 – pgs 250 to 277

March 26: Crime Victims

Chapter 9 – pgs 278 to 309

April 2: Course Review and Exam Review/Preparation