

**Course Outline**

**COURSE:** LAWS 3307 C - Youth and Criminal Law

**TERM:** Winter 2016

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 2301, 2302

**CLASS:**       **Day & Time:** Wednesday 18:00-21:00  
                  **Room:** Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is a sequel to Laws 2301 and 2302 ( Introduction to the Canadian criminal justice system – formerly Laws 2004). The instructor is a practicing criminal defence counsel with over 39 years of experience as well as 5 years as a part time Assistant Crown Attorney. The perspective will be broader than these viewpoints alone. The course will deal with the procedural and substantive aspects of the involvement of young people and their families with the criminal justice system including institutions, bail, conduct of a case, and plea bargaining. The course will also deal with related topics including the Charter, sentencing and appeals. The focus will be on the Youth Criminal Justice Act, it's intentions, contents and effects. The roles of the accused, victims, police, defence counsel, Crown attorney, judges, juries, media, politicians and the public will all be examined. Current issues before the Youth Courts, legislatures and the media will also be discussed. Students are encouraged to follow the media reports on current issues dealing with the Youth Court so that they can participate in class discussions.

Reference will be made to the text, specific readings, the Youth Criminal Justice Act, the Criminal Code and case law.

The course will be taught through lectures and discussions and guest lecturers. Students will be encouraged to participate by applying and critiquing the various institutions, concepts, and case law.

A detailed course outline as well as weekly assigned readings will be given on the first day of class.

**REQUIRED TEXTS** – available at university bookstore

Bala, Nicolas

Youth Criminal Justice Law , 3<sup>rd</sup> edition ( Irwin Law Inc. 2013 )

2014 edition of The Criminal Code

Martin's Annotated Criminal Code 2015 ( Canada Law Book )  
or Tremeeear's Annotated Criminal Code 2015 ( Carswell )  
or Carswell's pocket edition 2015 is acceptable

**SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS**

A list of readings will be given for those students who may wish to explore certain topics in more detail.

**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.

The grade in this course will be based on the following:

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| 50 % | Essay – due in class February 24  |
| 50 % | Final examination   |
|      | - 2 hour examination, multiple-choice, closed book                                |
|      | - to be held during formal exam period at the end of the term April 11 – 23, 2016 |

The examination will cover the assigned readings and class lectures.

**SCHEDULE - see attached**