

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 3307 A - Youth and Criminal Law

PREREQUISITES: 1.0 credit from LAWS 2004 [1.0] (no longer offered), LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302

TERM: Fall 2010

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

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND FORMAT :

This course is a sequel to Laws 2004 (Introduction to the Canadian criminal justice system) . The instructor is a practicing criminal defence counsel with over 33 years 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 illustrated. 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.

COURSE READING MATERIALS :

- a) Required Text :** Bala, Nicolas, Youth Criminal Justice Law (Irwin Law Inc. 2009)
- 2011 edition of The Criminal Code
Martin's Annotated Criminal Code 2011 (Canada Law Book)
or Tremear's Annotated Criminal Code 2011 (Carswell)
or Carswell's pocket edition 2011 is acceptable

b) Supplementary Readings :

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

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Both components must be completed to pass this course

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

1. 50 % Essay
2. 50 % Final examination
2 hour examination, multiple-choice, closed book
- to be held during formal exam period at the end of the term

The examination will cover the assigned readings and class lectures.

COURSE SCHEDULE 1st TERM (Fall 2010)

Date	Class #	Topic	Readings
Sept. 9	1	Introduction History Of Youth And Criminal Law	Ch. 1 pp. 1 - 75
Sept. 16	2	Principles For Responding To Youth Offending	Ch. 2 pp. 77 - 128
Sept. 23	3	Restorative Justice	Ch. 2 pp. 129 - 172
Sept. 30	4	Jurisdiction Of The Youth Court	Ch. 3 pp. 174 - 213
Oct. 7	5	Arrest and Police Questioning	Ch. 4 pp. 214 - 292
Oct. 14	6	Pretrial Detention	Ch. 4 pp. 293 - 326
Oct. 21	7	The Youth Justice Court Process	Ch. 7 pp. 417 – 468
Oct. 28	8	Diversion And Extrajudicial Measures ESSAY DUE	Ch. 5 pp. 327 - 378
Nov. 4	9	Lawyers In The Youth Justice Process	Ch. 6 pp. 379 - 416
Nov. 11	10	Sentencing Under The Y.C.J.A. – Non Custodial	Ch. 8 pp. 469 - 536
Nov. 18	11	Sentencing Under The Y.C.J.A. - Custodial	Ch. 8 pp. 537 - 615
Nov. 25	12	Adult Sentencing For Youths	Ch. 9 pp. 617 - 675
Dec. 2	13	Review	
Dec. 9-22		End of Term Examination	