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**Course Outline**

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

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 2004 (no longer offered) LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302

**TERM:** Winter 2012

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

**INSTRUCTOR:** Gary R. Barnes

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND FORMAT:**

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 35 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 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.

**COURSE READING MATERIALS:****a) Required Text:**

Bala, Nicolas  
Youth Criminal Justice Law (Irwin Law Inc. 2009)

2012 edition of The Criminal Code  
Martin's Annotated Criminal Code 2012 (Canada Law Book)  
or Tremeeear's Annotated Criminal Code 2012 (Carswell)  
or Carswell's pocket edition 2012 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:**

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 scheduled exam period at the end of the term

**The examination will cover the assigned readings and class lectures.**

**CARLETON UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW****LAWS 3307 C: YOUTH AND CRIMINAL****COURSE SCHEDULE 2<sup>nd</sup> TERM (Winter 2012)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class #</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Jan. 10	1	Introduction History Of Youth And Criminal Law	Ch. 1 pp. 1 - 75
Jan. 17	2	Principles For Responding To Youth Offending ESSAY ASSIGNED	Ch. 2 pp. 77 - 128
Jan. 24	3	Arrest, Police Questioning	Ch. 4 pp. 214 - 290
Jan. 31	4	Pretrial Detention	Ch. 4 pp. 290 - 326
Feb. 7	5	Restorative Justice	Ch. 2 pp. 129 - 172
Feb. 14	6	Jurisdiction Of The Youth Court	Ch. 3 pp. 174 - 213
Feb. 21		Winter Break	
Feb. 28	7	Diversion And Extrajudicial Measures ESSAY DUE	Ch. 5 pp. 327 - 378
March 6	8	Lawyers In The Youth Justice Process	Ch. 6 pp. 379 - 416
March 13	9	The Youth Justice Court Process	Ch. 7 pp. 417 - 468
March 20	10	Non Custodial Sentencing Under The Y.C.J.A.	Ch. 8 pp. 469 - 536
March 27	11	Custodial Sentencing Under The Y.C.J.A.	Ch. 8 pp. 537 - 615
April 3	12	Adult Sentencing For Youths Review	Ch. 9 pp. 617 - 675
April 11 - 24		End of Term Examinations	