

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 3307 D – Youth and Criminal Law

TERM: Winter 2007-08

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 2004

CLASS: Day & Time: Tuesday, 18:00-21:00
Room: 3235 ME (Mackenzie)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND FORMAT:

This course examines the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. It examines substantive criminal law and procedure as it pertains to the young offenders between 12 and 17 years of age who become involved with the criminal justice system. It will examine the special rights afforded a young person under the *Youth Criminal Justice Act*. The roles of parents, judges, lawyers and the police will also form part of the discussions. The course will also highlight recent changes in sentencing for young offenders and society's perception of these changes. The role of restorative justice in dealing with young offenders will also be examined. The course will further examine the reasoning and philosophy behind the creation of a separate legislation dealing specifically with young persons before the criminal justice system. The course will also take a historical perspective of the treatment of young offenders in the Canadian criminal justice system and examine the underlining societal values that have shaped and modified the legislation dealing with young offenders.

REQUIRED READING MATERIAL:

Nicolas Bala, *Youth Criminal Justice Law* (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2003)

SUPPLEMENTARY READING:

2007 or 2008 edition of the *Criminal Code*

METHOD OF EVALUATION:

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

- 1. 50 % Mid-course examination (in class)**
To be held: February 12, 2008
2 hour exam, closed book, multiple choice format
The examination will cover the assigned readings and class lectures.

- 2. 50 % Final examination**
2 hour exam, closed book, multiple choice format
The examination is cumulative and will cover all the assigned readings and all class lectures.
To be held during formal exam period at the end of the term.

COURSE READINGS:

A detailed weekly assigned readings and topics will be given on the first day of class.