
COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE:	LAWS 4504B - <i>Aboriginal Criminal Justice</i>
TERM:	Winter 2016
PREREQUISITES:	Fourth-year Honours standing and LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302.
CLASS: Day & Time:	Fridays 11:35AM – 2:25PM
Room:	Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers Aboriginal peoples and the administration of Canadian criminal justice including policing, criminal court processes, sentencing, corrections and conditional release (parole). We will consider the effects of past and present policies, processes and laws. We will also consider Aboriginal women within the criminal justice system and traditional Aboriginal and self-government approaches. Particular emphasis will be placed on Aboriginal perspectives, Canada's statutory frameworks, jurisprudence and case law. Theory and law will also be supplemented by real world criminal justice practice reflected in the assignments.

CLASS FORMAT

Classes will consist of facilitated discussion and group work. Students are expected to attend all classes and to have completed the readings before attending classes. The instructor will occasionally direct questions to students randomly to ensure required readings are being completed. Certain classes will also include guest speakers and videos. Guest speakers will be confirmed as the course progresses.

REQUIRED TEXT

(a) **No textbook required.**

(b) **Supplemental readings**

Additional material may be posted on cuLearn.

EVALUATION

All components must be completed in order to receive 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 evaluation objective is a balanced assessment, based on several kinds of criteria spread out over the course. Numerical grades are used for the course components: for numerical / letter grade equivalents, see the *Undergraduate Calendar*. Assignments and examinations cannot be re-scheduled because of travel plans, etc. See the *Undergraduate Calendar* for general faculty and University regulations.

Extensions will not be granted, except for (i) disabling illness, verified by a medical certificate indicating precise period of disablement or (ii) death or serious illness in immediate family, verified by certificate of death or medical certificate. **The instructor must be notified of the illness or death before the deadline. Late assignments will be penalized by 5% per day including weekends.**

I. Attendance and Participation: 20%

Students are expected to attend all classes, to have read the materials and to participate individually and in group work. The instructor will direct questions to students randomly in every class to ensure required readings are completed. **Completing required readings is pivotal to a good participation grade.**

II. Class Presentation: 10%

- Two students will select/be assigned to one topic of debate from a list and each will present one side of the debate after completing the assigned readings.
- The professor will subsequently pose questions related to the debate and the readings on this topic to facilitate class discussion.
- No additional research required, but it is allowed.
- Students are free to consult with the professor before their presentation for guidance on their topic.

- Within the week following their presentation, students will be notified on cuLearn of their grade.
- Presentations should include a defensible thesis, your overall opinion and analysis in support of your position. You should also address the arguments contrary to your position.
- PowerPoints should not exceed 4 pages if utilized.
- Each student should speak for approximately 10 minutes, articulating their thesis, arguments and analysis.
- Students should not write their essays on the same subject as their in-class presentation.**
- Students who miss the class in which they are scheduled to present will require a doctor's note or will be subject to losing the 10%.**

III. Course Paper: 40%

- Due February 12, 2016** in class or online at cuLearn by midnight.
- 3 000 – 3 500 words; double spaced, 1.5-inch margins. Footnotes/endnotes and bibliography additional.
- The paper should explain the topic and clearly state the question it is going to answer. A list of subject areas is provided below.
- Feel free to discuss the refinement of your topic with the instructor, or to provide a thesis or outline for feedback.
- The paper should also clearly articulate your opinion or position on this question in the form of a thesis. You *must* advance a position or opinion on the issue.
- It must be well-prepared, with proper citation, footnotes or endnotes, and bibliography. In all matters of legal citation and form, papers must comply with the *McGill Guide*.
- Additional research sources *must* be employed. These sources can be scholarly articles found in legal or other academic journals, books, Canadian including provincial case law and statutes, provincial and federal government policy papers, etc. As part of your additional research sources, you may use course materials and cases discussed.
- Students should not write their essays on the same subject as their in-class presentation.**
- Proper paragraphs are required, as well as introductory and concluding sentences. You may also use headings to organize your thoughts and ideas.
- Important qualities are: good organization and use of sources, comprehensive, up-to-date treatment of the subject matter, originality (i.e. no quoting or paraphrasing of secondary sources without explicit acknowledgment), accuracy (in grammar, spelling and law), conciseness, reasoned analysis (discussion of pros and cons, comparisons, assessments, concrete examples, logical arguments, etc.), and clarity, gender-appropriate language (e.g., avoiding use of male gender where both genders are relevant). See also the research, writing, and citation guides listed below.
- The paper must be researched and written entirely and exclusively by the student who submits it. All use of other peoples' words or ideas must be fully and clearly acknowledged. Work (a) that contains plagiarism - from the web or elsewhere, or (b) that was previously or is concurrently submitted for credit in this course, or (c) that was or is submitted for credit in any other course, will be given no credit. It is a very serious academic offence, subject to the penalties in the Department of Law's *Policy and Procedure Statement* below.
- Keep quotations to a minimum. Where you use words or thoughts of others, give full credit. Identify all words of others in quotation marks or in indented single-space passages, and link

these to endnotes or footnotes. If you paraphrase, use your own words and fully acknowledge all the original sources.

- The paper must have a title page. Pages must be numbered. Students must keep a copy of the completed paper.
- Marks will be deducted for failure to submit it on time – at the rate of 5% per day late, including weekends.**

The course paper is central to LAWS 4504B, and research and writing skills are as important as substantive knowledge. Use the research and writing guides listed below. Look at the paper and electronic resources at MacOdrum Library, the reference works in the Department of Law's Law Resource Centre at D494 Loeb, Quicklaw, Westlaw, eCarswell, and other electronic data bases, and internet search engines and other research tools. As well, make good use of the Writing Tutorial Service (Learning Support Services, Room 411 MacOdrum Library), the Student Academic Success Centre (SASC, 302 Tory) and the Learning Commons (4th Floor, MacOdrum Library, 613-520-2600 ext. 1125).

Although you are free to consult me, you should write your paper on one of the following topics:

1. Aboriginal Justice Approaches
2. Aboriginal Policing
3. Aboriginal Gangs
4. Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

IV. Case File: 30%

- Case Comment due in class or on cuLearn by midnight **March 18, 2016.**
- Corrections and Conditional Release assignment due by **April 1, 2016** in class or on cuLearn by midnight.
- Over the course of three classes and on their own time, students will work on a case file for an Aboriginal offender, taking the offender through Gladue interview, sentencing, corrections and conditional release.
- Two assignments will each be worth 15% of the overall grade: 15% for the case comment, and 15% for corrections and conditional release report.
- Each component will be written as an analysis, with proper paragraphs, as well as introductory and concluding sentences. You may also use headings to organize your thoughts and ideas.
- For the case comment, **proper assignment structure must be utilized** as discussed in class.
- Bibliography will **not** be necessary for this exercise. Footnotes will be minimal.
- Additional research **not** required.
- Each assignment will be approximately 4 pages double spaced, Times New Roman 12.
- Important qualities are: solid understanding of the application of *Gladue* principles, innovative problem solving, good organization, originality, conciseness, and clarity.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Class 1: January 8, 2016

Topic: Introduction to Course & Aboriginal Criminal Justice

Readings:

Basic Demographics: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/daily-quotidien/130508/dq130508a-eng.htm>

Basic Terminology: <https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100014642/1100100014643>

Class 2: January 15, 2016

Topic: Introduction to Broader Aboriginal Justice Issues

Readings:

Ava Murphy, Gareth Duncan and Gillian Piggott. *Primer: Canadian Law on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights*. (British Columbia: University of British Columbia, 2008) **pages 1-18**.

http://www.allard.ubc.ca/sites/www.law.ubc.ca/files/uploads/enlaw/pdfs/primer_complete_05_10_09.pdf

Class 3: January 22, 2016

Topic: Aboriginal Justice Approaches

Readings:

R. v. Morris, 2004 BCCA 305.

David Milward, “Making the Circle Stronger: an Effort to Buttress Aboriginal Use of Restorative Justice in Canada against Recent Criticisms” (2008) 4.3 IJPS 124.

Class 4: January 29, 2016

Topic: Aboriginal Policing / Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Readings:

Jonathan Rudin, *Aboriginal Peoples and the Criminal Justice System* (Paper prepared for the Ipperwash Inquiry, 2006) **Pages 28 - 40** online at:

http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/inquiries/ipperwash/policy_part/research/index.html

Wally T. Oppal, Commissioner. *Forsaken The Report of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry* (British Columbia: Missing Women Commission of Inquiry, 2012) Volume IIB part 4A **pages 216-238**. Online: <http://www.missingwomeninquiry.ca/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/Forsaken-Vol-2B-web-RGB.pdf>

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in British Columbia, Canada* (Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 2014) **Chapter 3, pages 27-45**: <http://s3.documentcloud.org/documents/1479300/canada-indigenous-women-iac.pdf>

Class 5: February 5, 2016

Topic: Aboriginal Policing / Aboriginal Gangs

Readings:

Mark Totten, “Aboriginal Youth and Violent Gang Involvement in Canada: Quality Prevention Strategies” (2009) 3 *IPC Review* 135.

Joshua Lelievre, "Aboriginal Youth Gangs in Canada: Origins of a Growing Trend" *CUJLS* 4(1) 2014. Online: http://issuu.com/carletonuniversityjournaloflegalstudies/docs/journal_-_final_1958e7cfef35fc

Class 6: February 12, 2016

Topic: Theories Explaining Aboriginal Over-Representation in the Justice System

Jonathan Rudin, *Aboriginal Peoples and the Criminal Justice System* (Paper prepared for the Ipperwash Inquiry, 2006) **Pages 4– 27** online at: http://www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/inquiries/ipperwash/policy_part/research/index.html

Hadley Friedland, “Different Stories: Aboriginal People, Order, and the Failure of the Criminal Justice System” (2009) 72 *Sask L Rev* 105.

*****ESSAYS DUE*** February 12, by midnight CuLearn.**

*****READING WEEK – February 15 – 19 – No Class*****

Class 7: February 26, 2016

Topic: Sentencing

Readings:

R. v. Gladue, [1999] 1 SCR 688.

AND

R. v. Ipeelee, 2012 SCC 13 (majority only).

Class 8: March 4, 2016**Topic: Sentencing****Readings:**

Gladue Primer, Legal Services Society of British Columbia, online:

<http://www.lss.bc.ca/publications/pub.php?pub=388>

AND

Michelle Mann, "Mitigating Sentencing" in *Common Ground- An Examination of Similarities Between Black and Aboriginal Communities*. Part Two. APC 29 CA (2009), online:

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/cmmn-grnd/index-eng.aspx>

OR

David Milward and Debra Parkes, "Gladue: Beyond Myth and Towards Implementation in Manitoba" *Man. L.J.* 35.1 (2011) 84.

Class 9: March 11, 2016**Topic: Aboriginal Corrections****Readings:**

Mann, Michelle. *Good Intentions, Disappointing Results: A Progress Report on Federal Aboriginal Corrections* (Ottawa: Office of the Correctional Investigator, 2009). Online:

<http://www.oci-bec.gc.ca/cnt/rpt/oth-aut/oth-aut20091113-eng.aspx>

OR

Mandy Wesley. *Marginalized: The Aboriginal Women's experience in Federal Corrections* APC 33 CA (2012). Online: <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/mrgnlzd/index-eng.aspx>

Class 10: March 18, 2016**Topic: Conditional Release**

*** Case Comment Due by midnight CuLearn. ***

Documentary: The Bang You Feel, BearPaw Productions**Readings:**

David Milward. "Sweating it Out: Facilitating Corrections and Parole in Canada through Aboriginal Spiritual Healing" *Windsor Yearbook of Access to Justice* 29.1 (2012): 27-54. Online:

http://works.bepress.com/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1006&context=david_milward

Office of the Correctional Investigator. *Spirit Matters: Aboriginal People and the Corrections and Conditional Release Act* (Ottawa: Office of the Correctional Investigator, 2012). Online: <http://www.oci-bec.gc.ca/cnt/comm/presentations/presentations20121022-eng.aspx>

Class 11: April 1, 2016

Topic: Aboriginal Self-Government in Criminal Justice

Readings:

Canaries in the Mines of Citizenship: Indian Women in Canada, Joyce Green, 2001, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, Citizenship and National Identity, Vol. 34, No. 4, pp. 715-738.

Law Commission of Canada, *Justice Within: Indigenous Legal Traditions* (Discussion Paper) (Ottawa: Law Commission of Canada, 2006), online: Dalhousie University Library <http://dalspace.library.dal.ca/bitstream/handle/10222/10229/ILT%20Discussion%20Paper%20EN.pdf?sequence=1>

*****Corrections and Conditional Release Report Due by midnight CuLearn.*****

Class 12: April 8, 2016

Crime Prevention in an Aboriginal Context and Wrap Up

Readings:

R. v. Dantimo, 2009 CanLII 6627 (ON SC).

Research, writing, and citation guides

The paper must follow the legal citation requirements in the McGill Law Journal, *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation*, 6th ed. (Scarborough, Ont.: Carswell, 2006). For basic elements of the McGill *Guide*, see Department of Law, Carleton University, *Legal Style Sheet for Term Papers* <<http://www.carleton.ca/law/style.htm>> and Queen's University, *Legal Citation: Legal Research Materials* <<http://library.queensu.ca/law/lederman/legalcit.htm>>.

The following additional may also be helpful for style and grammar:

The Canadian Style. A Guide to Writing and Editing, rev. ed. (Toronto, Dundurn Press, 1997).

Please consider using the Writing Tutorial Service if you have concerns about or wish to improve your academic writing skills: <http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/>