

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 1002C/V Introduction to Legal Studies II

TERM: WINTER 2021

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Please check Carleton Central for current Class Schedule.

Room: All courses in the Winter 2021 term are offered online. Please note that this course will be delivered asynchronously through pre-recorded lectures and live discussion groups

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CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to legal rules and theoretical approaches for critically understanding the creation, interpretation and enforcement of those rules; the role of judges, juries, lawyers, and lay persons; adjudication and alternative dispute resolution; relationship of law with social change and justice; challenges of access to justice.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Stephen Tasson, Rebecca Bromwich, Jane Dickson, Vincent Kazmierski, Bettina Appel Kuzmarov, Sébastien Malette, Umut Öszu (eds.), Introduction to Legal Studies (vol.2): Processes and Power Canadian Legal Studies Series (Concord: Captus Press, 2018); ISBN 978-1-55322-382-5.
2. Rick Ruddell, George Pavlich, Exploring Criminal Justice in Canada - Law and Society Redefined, Carleton University Custom Edition (Oxford University Press, 2016 & 2011); ISBN: 9780199015658.

Both of these texts are available online directly from the publishers or from the Carleton University Bookstore; links to these sources are provided on the CULearn pages for each section. You may be also able to purchase a second hand copy of the texts at Haven Books (43 Seneca Street, Ottawa (tel. 613-730-9888) or at the Carleton Bookstore; please check their websites to determine online purchase for used texts.

EVALUATION

There are five formal evaluation components in this course, as follows:

- **Formative Quiz I** (20%), will be held during the week of February 1, 2021. This short exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover materials dealt with in weeks 2,3 & 4 of the course.
- **Formative Quiz II** (20%), will be held during the week of March 1, 2021. This short exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover materials dealt with in weeks 5,6 & 7 of the course.
- **Formative Quiz III** (20%), will be held during the week of March 22, 2021. This short exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover materials dealt with in weeks 8, 9 &10 of the course.
- **Formative Quiz VI** (15%), will be held during the week of April 5, 2021. This short exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover materials dealt with in weeks 11 & 12 of the course.
- **Discussion Group attendance and participation** (25%), students will be expected to attend and participate in weekly discussion groups.
 - **Discussion groups for students in 1002V** are run as chat sessions and accessed through the CULearn Page; depending on enrolment, students will be divided into groups alphabetically by last name and assigned to a group and TA. Days and times for the groups will be determined and posted in the first week of classes. Students who are unable to attend their assigned discussion groups should locate a group that fits with their schedule and contact the TA of the preferred group by email to request to join their group; the TA of the original group assignment should be copied on that email. The student may switch groups if both TAs approve the change.
 - **Discussion groups for students in 1002C** will be run as chat sessions and accessed through the CULearn Page; groups will run on the day and time selected at the time of enrolment.
 - All TAs will be assigned to groups in the first week of term and discussion groups will start in the second week of classes.

Failure to complete all assignments and exams in the course will result in the student receiving a failing grade for the course. Deferrals will not be granted unless all other course requirements have been met.

Please note the following:

- Students encountering unforeseen and unforeseeable difficulties meeting a course requirement should communicate any requests for accommodations to their Teaching Assistant via email and within 24 hours or as soon as possible of becoming aware of the need for the accommodation.
- As a general rule, **accommodations will be granted only in extreme circumstances**, such as unforeseen illness, accidents leading to injuries, or the death of a family member or close associate; in all cases the extension must be supported by appropriate, official documentation

such as a medical note (which must indicate the course name and number, the precise dates covered by the document, as well as the specific accommodation requested), police or medical records confirming the accident and/or the injury, and death certificates, respectively.

- Accommodation requests which are not supported with relevant documentation will not, as a rule, be granted.
- **Computer failure, conflicts with work schedule or varsity athletic activities, or similar problems do not constitute valid excuses for accommodations** of course requirements, deadlines or examination schedules.
- Students are reminded that **all course requirements must be met in order to pass the course**; thus where an assignment is submitted so late that a grade of '0' is inevitable, the assignment must be submitted or the student will be unable to pass the course.

Grade Appeals: Students who wish to challenge a grade must contact their TA via email to request a review/appeal of their grade within THREE DAYS of the posting of the disputed mark on CULearn. Requests for grade reviews must be in writing and must clearly outline the grounds upon which the student is seeking the review. Appeals submitted in any other fashion will not be accepted or considered.

- Consideration of requests for reviews/appeals that fall outside the three-day timeline are solely at the discretion of the TA.
- **Students who are not satisfied with the outcome of a grade review/appeal, or who are denied a review/appeal, may appeal that outcome or denial to the Instructor within THREE DAYS of receiving the TA's determination or denial of their review/appeal.** The instructor will not generally entertain reviews/appeals of grades outside this timeline, nor consider any grade review/appeal that has not first been discussed with the T.A.

Carleton University assumes all students will conform to the University's Academic Integrity Policy. Please be mindful of that policy, especially as regards plagiarism.

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.

SCHEDULE

1	Course Introduction – no readings
2	What is Crime? <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 1(c), 2(b); <i>Ruddell & Pavlich</i> ch.1
3	The Criminal Law Process. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 2(c), (e); <i>Ruddell & Pavlich</i> ch.4

4	Regulating Economic Relationships. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 3(a)-(c)
Quiz I (weeks 2,3,4)	
5	Regulating Personal Relationships. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 4(a)-(c)
6	Negotiating and Bargaining, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 5(a)-(b)
7	Law Enforcement Personnel, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> 14(a), (d); <i>Ruddell & Pavlich</i> , ch.3
Quiz II (weeks 5, 6,7)	
8	Lawyers, Advocates and Legal Practice. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 11(a)-(c)
9	Judges and Adjudication, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 6(a); 13(b), (d), (e), (f)
10	Juries, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 12(a), (c), (d), (e)
Quiz III (weeks 8, 9, 10)	
11	Alternatives to Adjudication/Alternatives within Adjudication, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 7(a),(c), (e)
12	Access to Justice: Procedural and Income Issues. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 9(a)-(c); 10(a)
Quiz IV (weeks 11 & 12)	
13	Course summary and wrap up

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The instructor recognizes that students may on occasion require accommodations to meet course requirements. In this course, requests for course accommodations must be made to the instructor by email within the first two weeks of the term, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. Email requests must be clear about the accommodation sought and must contain relevant documentation supporting the request. Please note that the determination of requests for accommodation are at the discretion of the instructor, subject to formal university policies regarding accommodations. Barring exceptional circumstances (i.e., an unanticipated or unforeseeable accident or injury), requests for accommodations that are not submitted in a timely manner will not be considered. Please consult the Equity Services website at <http://carleton.ca/equity/> to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own. Plagiarism includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to: books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, and material on the Internet. Plagiarism is a serious offence.

More information on the University's Academic Integrity Policy can be found at:
<http://carleton.ca/studentaffairs/academic-integrity/>

Department Policy

The Department of Law and Legal Studies operates in association with certain policies and procedures. Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations.

<http://carleton.ca/law/current-students/>