**Course Outline**

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| Class:  | Day & Time: LAWS 2301-A  
Mondays 6:05 pm-8:55 pm |
|         | LAWS 2301-T  
online |
| Room:   | * A Section - Please check with Carleton Central for current room location  
* T- Section – there is no classroom; lectures will be viewable online |
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**Academic Accommodations**

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/](http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/)

**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: [http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/](http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/)

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Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) at http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/

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http://www.carleton.ca/law/student-resources/department-policies/

**COURSE DESCRIPTION and OBJECTIVES**
This course will be a venue for introduction to, critical analysis and exploration of, the current Canadian Criminal Legal System, including its institutions, processes, rules, and actors. The goal is to situate the criminal law within its general social setting and to examine the interrelationship between the aspirations and practices of Canadian society and its formal legal discourses of criminal law.

A strong emphasis is placed on practical aspects of the law and how the players within the legal system achieve justice. In the latter part of the course, the focus will be on the criminal law in its more traditional formulations as found in *The Criminal Code of Canada* and in the cases, along with specific current issues in Canada.

By the end of the course, students will be expected to be able to:

- Understand how the formal discourses of the criminal law are currently employed in Canada’s criminal justice system;
- Appreciate that Canada’s current criminal justice regime exists in a changing, post-colonial, historical, geographical and social context and be able to critically analyze how that context affects the operation of criminal justice law;
- Have an appreciation for other possible ways to address criminal offending, with reference to historical approaches in Canada and current regimes in other jurisdictions; and
- Critically analyze representations of criminal behaviour in popular culture and formal legal texts.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**


**text can be purchased from the Campus Bookstore**

Current copies of the:

- *Criminal Code*; and,
- *Youth Criminal Justice Act*;
- The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*,

including downloadable electronic versions from CanLii or the Department of Justice website
SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Recommended Reading:


Suggested Background Reading:


EVALUATION
(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

1. Assignment #1 - Parliamentary Submission - 30%
   Due date for assignment is October 19th, 2015
2. Essay Assignment 35%
   - Due date for assignment is December 7, 2015
3. Final Examination 35% -
   Held in the December exam period (December 9-21, 2015)

Examinations will be closed book. The examinations will comprise multiple choice and short-answer questions. Students will be responsible for all of the required readings, supplementary material distributed in class as well as material covered in the lectures.

Assignments will be distributed electronically and discussed in class.

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

Topic                                         Assigned Readings:

Introduction:                                 
Friday, September 4 2015 – please note this day is being treated as a Monday

Week 1: September 14, 2015                   
Course Overview: Key concepts, evaluation, assignments
Week 2: September 21, 2015
   Criminal Law and Government Regulation
   Distribution of Assignment #1
   Chapter 1

Week 3: September 28, 2015
   Critical Perspectives on Criminal Law
   Chapter 2

Week 4: October 5, 2015
   Topic: Legislation and the role of Parliament
   Chapter 3

Week 5:
   Oct 12 THANKSGIVING MONDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASS

Week 6: October 19, 2015
   The Role of the Courts
   First Assignment Due – 30%
   Chapter 3

Week 7: FALL BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS

Week 8: November 2, 2015
   Criminal law - personnel, participants and powers
   Chapter 4.1

Week 9: November 9, 2015
   Criminal law - personnel, participants and powers
   Chapter 4.2

Week 10: November 16, 2015
   Criminal law - personnel, participants and powers
   Chapter 4.3

Week 11: November 23, 2015
   Criminal law - personnel, participants and powers
   Chapter 4.4

Week 12: November 30, 2015
   Criminal law – personnel, participants and powers
   & Exam Review
   Chapter 4.5- plus 1-4

Deadline for Assignment #2 – 35% - December 7, 2015