

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2301B – Criminal Justice System

TERM: FALL 2019

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1001 & LAWS 1002

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Tuesdays, 6:05pm – 8:55pm
 Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

INSTRUCTOR: **Marcus A. Sibley**
(CONTRACT)

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CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

The institutional and social production of criminal law in Canada. Processes, personnel, and agencies in the criminal legal system. The role of discretion and mechanisms of accountability. The accused and the place of the victim. Issues and problems in sentencing and punishment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is intended to give students a fundamental understanding of the complex systems of criminal justice. With particular emphasis on the Canadian criminal justice system, we will examine contemporary issues of criminal law and justice from various sociolegal and criminological perspectives. The course will give students a comprehensive overview of many debates around criminal justice using both practical and theoretical approaches. The objectives of the course are to provide students with a thorough understanding of many processes of our contemporary criminal justice, including policing, pre-trial remand and bail, sentencing and punishment, alternatives to traditional punishment, and the (dys)functions of prison. In addition to acquiring a familiarity with how these institutions interact with criminal law, students will also explore substantive sociolegal and criminological issues related to the processes of criminal justice, including locating the role of emotions in crime control, the overincarceration of Indigenous peoples, and the possibilities of prison abolition.

Each weekly meeting will consist of a three-hour lecture. Students are encouraged to participate in class discussions to work through some of the more sophisticated theoretical and substantive issues related to crime, law, and governance in Canada. Contemporary news media will play an important role in the course. Students should keep up with news trends related our weekly discussion topics.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Griffiths, C.T. (2018) Canadian Criminal Justice: A Primer. Nelson College Indigenous, Toronto. 6th Edition..

**Other required readings will be posted on CU Learn and can be accessed via the Carleton University library database (<https://library.carleton.ca/>).*

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Foucault, Michel. 1995. Discipline and Punish. Vintage.

*Pavlich, G. & Unger, M.P. (2019) Entryways to Criminal Justice: Accusation and Criminalization in Canada. The University of Alberta Press. *E-BOOK AVAILABLE ONLINE**

EVALUATIONS

<i>Media Assignment</i>	25%	<u><i>Due Tuesday October 22, 2019 by 11:59 p.m. Submitted via cuLearn.</i></u>
<i>Research Essay</i>	35%	<u><i>Due Friday December 6, 2019 by 11:59 p.m. Submitted via cuLearn.</i></u>
<i>Final exam</i>	40%	<i>A cumulative exam to be scheduled during the official exam period. Questions will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay format. Please consult the online exam schedule for the most up-to-date location.</i>

Late assignments will be penalized at 5% per day including weekends and holidays. Assignments submitted 7 days after the deadline will receive a grade of zero. There will be no make-up or booster assignments.

(All components must be completed in order to get 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.

SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 10	<i>Introductions to crime, law, and governance.</i>
SEPTEMBER 17	<i>Processes of criminalization: Power, law, and regulation</i>
SEPTEMBER 24	<i>Theoretical perspectives on the crime, law, and representation</i>
OCTOBER 1	<i>Policing I – History, structure, and practice</i>
OCTOBER 8	<i>Policing II- Critical perspectives, accountability, and oversight</i>

OCTOBER 15	<i>The theatre of the criminal court: Actors and audiences</i>
OCTOBER 22	FALL BREAK/ NO CLASS
OCTOBER 29	<i>The case file: Moving through the courts</i>
NOVEMBER 5	<i>Constituting 'offenders', locating victims</i>
NOVEMBER 12	<i>Theories of punishment</i>
NOVEMBER 19	<i>Sentencing, release, and surveillance</i>
NOVEMBER 26	<i>Emotion, carceral knowledge, and criminal justice responses</i>
DECEMBER 3	<i>Considering alternative approaches</i>

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: Please contact 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: <https://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/academic/students/>

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: <https://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/academic/students/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact The Paul Menton Centre (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 as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC Website for their deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable). <https://carleton.ca/pmc/students/accommodations/>

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.

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<https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

Survivors of Sexual Violence

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: <https://carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support/>

Accommodation for Student Activities

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor 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. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit:

<https://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/academic/>

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/>