

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2301F – Criminal Justice System
TERM:	WINTER 2019
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000 (no longer offered), LAWS 1001 and LAWS 1002
CLASS:	Day & Time: Thursdays 11:35am – 2:25pm Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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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 will serve as an introduction to the various parts, procedures, rules, and actors which make up the Canadian criminal legal system. A strong emphasis will be placed on examining past and present issues in criminal law from a social scientific perspective, through both theoretical and empirical lenses. An emphasis will also be placed on critically engaging with and examining these issues, and the criminal justice system as a whole, within larger social and political realities, so as to better understand the connections between social practices and settings and the criminal law. By the end of the course, students are expected to:

- Identify the agencies and organizations that collectively make up the criminal justice system
- Identify the roles, responsibilities and powers of the various actors/participants involved in the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate a clear understanding of how Canada’s current criminal justice system exists in specific post-colonial, historical, geographical, and social contexts, and an ability to critically analyze how these contexts impact the operation of criminal justice law;
- Analyze and discuss the major challenges confronting the criminal justice system, and critically engage with the possibility of alternative approaches within this system

- Demonstrate an ability to approach contemporary criminal justice issues and texts with a critical lens and an open mind.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Saunders, Ron & Bromwich, Rebecca. *Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical Social and Legal Contexts*, Fifth Edition (Toronto: Carswell, 2016.) ISBN/ISSN/Product Number: 978-0-7798-7298-5

Available for purchase at the Campus Bookstore

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Ismaili, Sprott and Varma, *Canadian Criminal Justice Policy*. (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2012.) ISBN: 0195439414 Available for purchase at the Campus Bookstore

***Additional sources for selected weeks will be posted on CuLearn

EVALUATION

(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.

Parliamentary Submission 30%

Assignment details will be discussed in class and a detailed rubric will be posted on CuLearn; Due Date for assignment is February 28th

Essay 35%

Essay question will be given in class and detailed rubric will be posted on CuLearn; Due Date for assignment is April 4th

Final Exam 35%

Exam will be held during the Winter exam period (exact date will be posted later in the semester)

The exam will be closed book, and will contain a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions. Students are responsible for all of the required readings, supplementary material distributed in class and online, and all of the material covered in lectures.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 (January 10)

Introduction and Course Overview: Course themes, Key concepts, course evaluation, and assignments

Week 2 (January 17) <i>Readings: Chapter 1</i>	The Framework: Criminal Law & Government Regulation
Week 3 (January 24) <i>Readings: Chapter 2</i>	Critical Perspectives on Criminal Law
Week 4 (January 31) <i>Readings: Chapter 3</i>	Legislation and the Role of Parliament
Week 5 (February 7) <i>Readings: Chapter 3</i>	The Role of the Courts
Week 6 (February 14) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.1</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 7 (February 21)	Winter Break, no classes
Week 8 (February 28) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.2</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers *** <i>Parliamentary Submission Due</i>
Week 9 (March 7) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.3</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 10 (March 14) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.4</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 11 (March 21) <i>Readings: Chapter 4.5</i>	Criminal law: personnel, participants and powers
Week 12 (March 28)	Rethinking CJ: Challenges, Controversies, and Alternatives I <i>Readings: TBA</i>
Week 13 (April 4)	Course review and exam prep *** <i>Essay Due</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: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

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: carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf

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) www.carleton.ca/pmc

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Survivors of Sexual Violence

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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: students.carleton.ca/course-outline

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/>