

**Course Outline**

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**COURSE:** LAWS 3306 A/T – Crime, Law, Process & Politics

**TERM:** FALL 2019

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 2301, LAWS 2302

**CLASS:**           **Day & Time:** Mondays – 18:05 – 20:55  
                          **Room:** Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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**(CONTRACT)**

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**CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Criminal law process in Canada; structure and use of the process examined for fairness, defects, and possible reform initiatives. Issues concerning gender, race and class bias in the implementation and application of the criminal law.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The aim of the course is to develop a critical understanding of the constant evolution of criminal law in Canada. The course will examine the way Canadians think, talk and act on criminal justice and how this has shaped the criminal justice system today.

The course will be taught from a legal-process perspective that will concern itself with legislative, administrative, judicial and private ordering and their interactions. This process is also rooted in a pragmatic approach to politics which attempts to understand competing perspectives and achieve some form of reconciliation between them.

The course will concentrate on the ongoing conflict and evolution of the due process vs. victims’ rights perspective, the parties involved in said conflict (accused, victims, police, public and politicians) and the resulting debates on criminal law currently in the public domain. We will also focus in on specific offences and offenders to gain a better understanding of how the ongoing conflict affects criminal law today.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Roach, Kent. *Due Process and Victims’ Rights: The New Law and Politics of Criminal Justice*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press Incorporated – available as a coursepack

**SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS**

Roach, Kent. *Criminal Law, 5<sup>th</sup> edition*. (Irwin Law: August 2012)

Students should also have a copy of the *Criminal Code* available for reference. Available online at <http://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/stat/rsc-1985-c-c-46/latest/rsc-1985-c-c-46.html>

**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.

Take-home Assignment: 15% (Assignment and due date to be announced in-class)

Mid-term exam: 35% (Sunday November 3, 2019 - 09:00am to 11:00am)

Final exam: 50% (Formal Examination Period) (3 hours, closed book)

**SCHEDULE**

The lectures are organized into various topic areas with assigned readings. Chapter number corresponds with chapter number in required coursepack/textbook.

***NB: I will also post readings such as news articles, case law etc. on cuLearn. These various items are considered to be "required reading"***

**TOPICS:****September 9: Basic Introduction to the Course**

- Course Outline
- Overview of Topics and Methodology

**September 16: Models of the Criminal Process**

Chapter 1 – pgs 11 to 50

**September 23: Introduction to the Charter Application Process & The Police**

Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms – Sections 7 to 24(2)  
Chapter 2 – pgs 51 to 87

**September 30: The Criminal Trial**

Chapter 3 – pgs 88 - 114

**October 7: Victimless Crimes?**

Chapter 4 – pgs 115 - 150

**October 14:**

**THANKSGIVING**

**October 21:**

**Fall Break – No Classes**

**October 28: Women**

Chapter 5 – pgs 151 - 190

**November 4: Young People**

Chapter 6 – pgs 191-220

**November 11: Minorities**

Chapter 7 – pgs 221-249

**November 18: Indigenous People**

Chapter 8 – pgs 250 - 277

**November 25: Crime Victims**

Chapter 9 – pgs 278 - 309

**December 2: Conclusions and Future Direction**

Chapter 10 – pgs 310 - 320

Course Review and Exam Review/Preparation

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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:** 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](mailto: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/>

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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/>