## Course Outline

**Course:** LAWS 3306 C – Crime, Law, Process and Politics  
**Term:** Winter 2007-08  
**Prerequisites:** LAWS 2004  
**Class:** Day & Time: Tuesday – 11:30-2:30  
Room: 3165 ME (Mackenzie)  
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### Calendar 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.

The object of this course is to provide students with a foundation in the political processes that shape criminal justice policy and its implementation. The course is organized thematically around current issues in criminal justice intervention that have variable effects on populations depending upon race, class, and gender.

### Evaluation:

- **Mid-term exam:** 40% (February 12th)  
- **Final exam:** 60% (Exam period): cumulative  

**Note:** Students must complete all components of the evaluation to receive a passing grade.

### Course Text:

Coursepack

### Course Organization:

The lectures are organized into 12 topic areas with assigned readings. These will be followed in chronological order, however, changes may be necessary to accommodate guest lectures, films, etc. (or if I think of a better way to present the material).
TOPICS:

1. **Introduction to the course and overview of the politics of criminal law**

2. **Modern politics of criminal law reform**

3. **Prostitution**

4. **Woman battery**

5. **Sexual assault**
   Criminal Code provision and *Seaboyer* and *Gayne* synopses.

6. **Gun Control**

7. **‘Race’ and Crime**
   Spousal Sex Ratio of Killings (Table from Ellis and DeKeseredy, 1996)

8. **Illicit Drugs**
   TBA: excerpts from *Nolin Report*
9. **Corrections and punishment**  

10. **The commodification of policing**  

11. **Technical criminologies**  