

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 1002V Introduction to Legal Studies II
TERM:	SUMMER 2020
PREREQUISITES:	NONE (Laws 1001 recommended, not required)
CLASS:	PRERECORDED LECTURES ARE PROVIDED THROUGH VOD WEEKLY DISCUSSION GROUPS ARE ADMINISTERED BY YOUR TEACHING ASSISTANT THROUGH CULEARN AND 'BIG BLUE BUTTON' (scheduling for the discussion groups will be posted on CULearn in the first week of the term)
INSTRUCTOR:	Professor Jane Dickson, PhD(Law)
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CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to legal rules and theoretical approaches for critically understanding the creation, interpretation and enforcement of those rules; the role of judges, juries, lawyers, and lay persons; adjudication and alternative dispute resolution; relationship of law with social change and justice; challenges of access to justice.

REQUIRED TEXTS

1. Stephen Tasson, Rebecca Bromwich, Jane Dickson, Vincent Kazmierski, Bettina Appel Kuzmarov, Sébastien Malette, Umut Öszu (eds.), Introduction to Legal Studies (vol.2): Processes and Power Canadian Legal Studies Series (Concord: Captus Press, 2018); ISBN 978-1-55322-382-5.
2. Rick Ruddell, George Pavlich, Exploring Criminal Justice in Canada - Law and Society Redefined, Carleton University Custom Edition (Oxford University Press, 2016 & 2011); ISBN: 9780199015658.

Both of these texts are available at the Carleton University Bookstore online. You may be able to purchase a second hand copy of Exploring Criminal Justice in Canada - Law and Society Redefined at Haven Books (43 Seneca Street, Ottawa (tel. 613-730-9888) or at the Carleton Bookstore. Haven is open and providing socially-distanced textbook sales.

EVALUATION

There are five formal evaluation components in this course: 3 short assignments, attendance/participation in discussion groups, and an online examination held in the Formal Examination Period; assignments must be completed and submitted electronically by the deadline to the appropriate Teaching Assistant via CULearn. Late papers will not be accepted save in the case of a documented medical excuse or similarly serious and unforeseen circumstance. Details of the late submission policy are outlined below.

- **Assignment 1: Concise Critical Analysis Exercise** (15%). Due July 17, 2020 by 6:00 p.m. via CULearn, this assignment will require students to draw upon assigned readings and lectures to critically analyze a specific issue in 1-3 double-spaced pages.
- **Assignment 2: Concise Critical Analysis Exercise** (15%). Due July 31, 2020 by 6:00 p.m. via CULearn, this assignment will require students to draw upon assigned readings and lectures to critically analyze a specific issue in 1-3 double-spaced pages.
- **Assignment 3: Concise Critical Analysis Exercise** (15%). Due August 14, 2020 by 6:00 p.m. via CULearn, this assignment will require students to draw upon assigned readings and lectures to critically analyze a specific issue in 1-3 double-spaced pages.
- **Final Examination** (35%), multiple choice format covering all topics/materials covered during the Fall Term, written during the formal examination period.
- **Discussion Group attendance and participation** (20%), students will be expected to attend and participate in weekly discussion groups.
 - **Discussion groups for students in 1002V** are run either as chat sessions or through 'Big Blue Button' and are accessed through the CULearn Page; students will be divided into groups alphabetically by last name and assigned to a group and TA. Days and times for the groups will be determined and posted in the first week of classes.
 - Students who are unable to attend their assigned discussion groups should locate a group that fits with their schedule and contact the TA of the preferred group by email to request to join their group; the TA of the original group assignment should be copied on that email. The student may switch groups if both TAs approve the change.
 - All TAs will be assigned to groups in the first week of term and assignments will be posted on CULearn.
 - Discussion groups start in the second week of classes

Late Submission Policy: Deadlines for submission of assignments are set prior to the start of term and clearly communicated in class and in this course outline. As such, it is assumed students will organize their time to ensure compliance with the deadlines. Students seeking an extension on a deadline should be aware of the following:

- Students encountering unforeseen and unforeseeable difficulties meeting a deadline should communicate their request for an extension to their Teaching Assistant via email and within 24 hours or as soon as possible of becoming aware of the need for an extension.

- **Teaching Assistants have the authority to grant or deny the extension and to determine appropriate penalties** in consultation with the professor and, where appropriate, the student. Students who are unhappy with the TA's determination on a request for an extension or the penalties applied may appeal in writing to the professor within 48 hours of receiving the TA's response to their request for an extension.
- **The penalty for late assignments is two marks for each day elapsing between the due date and the submission of an assignment** (including weekend days), subject to the discretion of the TA and/or the professor.
- As a general rule, **extensions will be granted only in extreme circumstances**, such as unforeseen illness, accidents leading to injuries, or the death of a family member or close associate; in all cases the extension must be supported by appropriate, official documentation. That documentation must indicate the course name and number, the precise dates covered by the document, as well as the specific accommodation requested. Extensions which are not supported with relevant documentation will not, as a rule, be granted.
- **Computer failure, conflicts with work schedule or varsity athletic activities, or similar problems do not constitute valid excuses for accommodations** of course requirements, deadlines or examination schedules.

Students are reminded that **all course requirements must be met in order to pass the course**; thus where an assignment is submitted so late that a grade of '0' is inevitable, the assignment must be submitted or the student will be unable to pass the course. **Deferrals will not be granted unless all other course requirements have been met.**

Grade Appeals: Students who have questions about the grade they receive on an assignment or who wish to challenge the grade must contact their TA via email to request a review/appeal of their grade within TWO DAYS of the posting of the disputed mark on CULearn. Requests for grade reviews must be in writing and must clearly outline the grounds upon which the student is seeking the review. Appeals submitted in any other fashion will not be accepted or considered.

- Consideration of requests for reviews/appeals that fall outside the 3-day timeline are solely at the discretion of the TA.
- **Students who are not satisfied with the outcome of a grade review/appeal, or who are denied a review/appeal, may appeal that outcome or denial to the Instructor within TWO DAYS of receiving the TA's determination or denial of their review/appeal.** The instructor will not generally entertain reviews/appeals of grades outside this timeline, nor consider any grade review/appeal that has not first been discussed with the T.A.

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

1	Course Introduction – no readings
2	What is Crime? <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 1(c), 2(b); <i>Ruddell & Pavlich</i> ch.1
3	The Criminal Law Process. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 2(c), (e); <i>Ruddell & Pavlich</i> ch.4
4	Regulating Economic Relationships. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 3(a)-(c)
<i>Assignment 1 due July 17 by 6:00 p.m.</i>	
5	Regulating Personal Relationships. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 4(a)-(c)
6	Negotiating and Bargaining, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 5(a)-(b)
7	Law Enforcement Personnel, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> 14(a), (d); <i>Ruddell & Pavlich</i> , ch.3
8	Lawyers, Advocates and Legal Practice. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 11(a)-(c)
<i>Assignment 2 due July 31 by 6:00 p.m.</i>	
9	Judges and Adjudication, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 6(a); 13(b), (d), (e), (f)
10	Juries, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 12(a), (c), (d), (e)
11	Alternatives to Adjudication/Alternatives within Adjudication, <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 7(a),(c), (e)
12	Access to Justice: Procedural and Income Issues. <i>Legal Studies Course Reader</i> , 9(a)-(c); 10(a)
<i>Assignment 3 due August 14 by 6:00 p.m.</i>	

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

The instructor recognizes that students may on occasion require accommodations to meet course requirements. In this course, requests for course accommodations must be made to the instructor by email within the first two weeks of the term, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. Email requests must be clear about the accommodation sought and must contain relevant documentation supporting the request. Please note that the determination of requests for accommodation are at the discretion of the instructor, subject to formal university policies regarding accommodations. Barring exceptional circumstances (i.e., an unanticipated or unforeseeable accident or injury), requests for accommodations that are not submitted in a timely manner will not be considered. Please consult the Equity Services website at <https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf> to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

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/>

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.

<https://carleton.ca/law/current-students/>