

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2302 T – CRIMINAL LAW

TERM: SUMMER 2020

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1001, LAWS 1002

CLASS: **Day & Time:**
 Room: This class is held entirely online in CuLearn

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CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION

The legal and social dimensions of criminal liability and responsibility in Canada, including issues and problems surrounding mens rea, actus reus, and the attachment of liability. Excuses and justifications, the Canadian Criminal Code and the role of the Charter in the criminal legal system.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an extension of the theories and approaches that are typically deal with in first year law. It is designed to provide a practical introduction to Criminal Law in Canada and to the institutions, processes and rules. The goal is to highlight various crimes, their elements while examining various legal defences and their effectiveness in the system.

Students will be provided with an opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge to use into formal practice through a class assignment. In this course, the focus will be on legal jurisprudence and various sections of *The Criminal Code* of Canada.

Summer Session 2020 CUOL Course VOD Access

The course lectures will be made available through CUOL. Video cameras and microphones are not required for this course but will be of assistance during the online office sessions.

Due to the COVID -19 precautions in place, CUOL will be waiving Video-on-Demand (VOD) fees for the 2020 Summer Sessions. All students registered in CUOL (T and V section) courses will be able to access lectures from the CUOL VOD website. Login with your MCI password - <https://vod.cuol.ca/vod>

REQUIRED TEXTS

Kent Roach, Criminal Law, 7th edition (Irwin Law: August 2018)

The textbook may be purchased online through the Carleton University bookstore website. The bookstore is currently providing free delivery of online orders

<https://www.bkstr.com/carletonstore/home>.

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

Students should also have a copy of the *Criminal Code and Charter*. They are available online at

Criminal Code: <http://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/stat/rsc-1985-c-c-46/latest/rsc-1985-c-c-46.html>

Charter: <https://www.canlii.org/en/ca/laws/stat/schedule-b-to-the-canada-act-1982-uk-1982-c-11/latest/schedule-b-to-the-canada-act-1982-uk-1982-c-11.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.

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| 1. Weekly Quiz | 30% | - Will be administered every Friday |
| 2. Final Examination | 40% | - Will be held during the June final exam period |
| 3. Class Assignment | 20% | - Will be due June 11 th , 2020 |
| 4. Participation | 10% | - Will be based upon submissions of weekly discussion questions |

Details about the evaluation components will be provided on CuLearn.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MAY 4	<u>Topic:</u>	Course Introduction, Overview and assignments
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapters 1 and 2
MAY 11	<u>Topic:</u>	Elements of an Offence, Incomplete Offences
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapters 3 and 4
MAY 18	<u>Topic:</u>	Elements of an Offence, Regulatory Offences
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapters 5 and 6

MAY 25	<u>Topic:</u>	Defences
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapters 7 and 8
JUN 1	<u>Topic:</u>	Defences, Serious violent Offences
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapters 9 and 10
JUN 8	<u>Topic:</u>	Sentencing, Conclusion
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapters 11 and 12
JUN 15	EXAM REVIEW	

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows: <https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf>

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 Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities Services (EIC): <https://carleton.ca/equity/>

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 Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities (EIC): <https://carleton.ca/equity/>

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/>

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. *More information on the University's Academic Integrity Policy can be found at:* <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

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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/studentssupport/svpolicy/>

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://students.carleton.ca/services/accommodation/>

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/>