

Course Outline

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**COURSE:** LAWS 3307A – Youth and Criminal Law

**TERM:** FALL 2022

**PREREQUISITES:** LAWS 2301 and LAWS 2302

**CLASS:**           **Day & Time:** Mondays, 18:05pm – 20:55pm  
                          **Room:** Tory Building, room 202n

**INSTRUCTOR:**                   Michael A. Smith  
**(CONTRACT)**

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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**

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 accommodation regarding a formally scheduled final exam, you must complete the [Pregnancy Accommodation Form](#).

**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 [click here](#).

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

[The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities](#) (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact 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 to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally scheduled exam (if applicable).

**Survivors of Sexual Violence**

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/sexual-violence-support-services>

### **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://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/academic/>

### **DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

Please review the following webpage to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations, particularly regarding standard departmental protocols and academic integrity requirements: <https://carleton.ca/law/student-experience-resources/>.

### **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/>

### **CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A review of the Youth Criminal Justice Act within the framework of the Canadian justice system, with particular emphasis on historical and philosophical developments and objectives. Current topics include: constitutional issues, procedure, confessions, transfers, sentencing options, alternative measures, reviews, and possible amendments.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is an extension of the concepts and information that were covered in LAWS 2301 and 2302. It is designed to provide a practical introduction to Youth and Criminal Law in Canada and to the institution, processes, and rules. The goal is to highlight the elements of criminal offences, the policies, procedures, and foundation of law relating to young persons involved in the criminal justice system. This course will also examine the effectiveness of the various approaches taken when dealing with young persons.

Students will be provided with an opportunity to put their theoretical knowledge to use through the completion of

a class assignment.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS**

Required Text: Youth Criminal Justice Law 3<sup>rd</sup> edition – Authored by Nicholas Bala and Sanjeev Anand.

### **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.

1. Monthly quizzes 30%           - Sep 30, Oct 18, Dec 2
2. Final Examination 30%       - Will be during the Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> exam period
3. Class Assignment 30%       - Assignment due **Nov 7<sup>th</sup>/22**
4. Participation 10%            - Will be based upon attendance and participation

The examination will be closed book. The exam will comprise multiple choice and short-answer questions. Students will be responsible for all of the required readings, information provided by guest speakers as well as material covered in the lectures.

### **SCHEDULE**

Sep 12	<u>Topic:</u>	Course Introduction, Overview and assignments
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapter 1
Sep 19	<u>Topic:</u>	Jurisdiction of youth court
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapter 2
Sep 26	<u>Topic:</u>	Arrest, search and questioning youth
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapter 3
	<u>Assignments:</u>	<b>QUIZ ONE DUE SEPTMEBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00PM</b>
Oct 3	<b>GUEST SPEAKER</b>	
Oct 10	<u>Topic:</u>	Diversion and Conferences/Lawyers in the youth justice process
	<u>Readings:</u>	Chapter 4

- Oct 17**      Topic: Diversion and Conferences/Lawyers in the youth justice process  
Readings:      Chapters 5 & 6  
Assignments: **QUIZ NUMBER TWO DUE OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:00PM**
- Oct 24      **FALL BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS**
- Oct 31**      Topic:              The youth justice process  
Readings:      Chapter 7
- Nov 7      Topic:              Sentencing under the YCJA  
Readings:      Chapter 8  
**TERM ASSIGNMENT DUE 6:05PM SUBMITTED ONLINE VIA BRIGHTSPACE.**
- Nov 14      Topic:              Sentencing under the YCJA  
Readings:      Chapter 8
- Nov 21      Topic:              Adult sentencing for youths  
Readings:      Chapter 9 And Guest Speaker
- Nov 28      Topic:              Canadian youth justice in context  
Readings:      Chapter 10  
Assignments: **QUIZ NUMBER 3 DUE DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 9:00PM**
- Dec 5      Topic:              **EXAM REVIEW**
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### **COVID Update**

It is important to remember that COVID is still present in Ottawa. The situation can change at any time and the risks of new variants and outbreaks are very real. There are [a number of actions you can take](#) to lower your risk and the risk you pose to those around you including being vaccinated, wearing a mask, staying home when you're sick, washing your hands and maintaining proper respiratory and cough etiquette.

**Feeling sick?** Remaining vigilant and not attending work or school when sick or with symptoms is critically important. If you feel ill or exhibit COVID-19 symptoms do not come to class or campus. If

you feel ill or exhibit symptoms while on campus or in class, please leave campus immediately. In all situations, you must follow Carleton's [symptom reporting protocols](#).

**Masks:** Carleton has paused the [COVID-19 Mask Policy](#), but continues to strongly recommend masking when indoors, particularly if physical distancing cannot be maintained. It may become necessary to quickly reinstate the mask requirement if pandemic circumstances were to change.

**Vaccines:** Further, while proof of vaccination is no longer required as of May 1 to attend campus or in-person activity, it may become necessary for the University to bring back proof of vaccination requirements on short notice if the situation and public health advice changes. Students are strongly encouraged to get a full course of vaccination, including booster doses as soon as they are eligible, and submit their booster dose information in [cuScreen](#) as soon as possible. Please note that Carleton cannot guarantee that it will be able to offer virtual or hybrid learning options for those who are unable to attend the campus.

All members of the Carleton community are required to follow requirements and guidelines regarding health and safety which may change from time to time. For the most recent information about Carleton's COVID-19 response and health and safety requirements please see the [University's COVID-19 website](#) and review the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). Should you have additional questions after reviewing, please contact [covidinfo@carleton.ca](mailto:covidinfo@carleton.ca).