

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2302E: Criminal Law
TERM:	Winter 2018
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Monday 8:35am – 11: 25 am Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
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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 more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://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 Equity Services website: <http://carleton.ca/equity/>

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 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*). **Requests made within two weeks will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.** After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website (www.carleton.ca/pmc) for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*).

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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/>

Course Description & Objectives

This course provides students with a comprehensive overview of the Canadian criminal legal system which supplements themes typically introduced in LAWS2301. Topics that will be studied include criminal legislation, policy, crime prevalence, victimization, policing, pre-trial procedure, trial process, sentencing, probation, incarceration, and reintegration. The course will provide students with extensive understanding of the existing processes, structures, and discourses of our legal system, and enable them to critically identify, discuss, and grapple with social issues and problems associated with crime control procedures in Canada. Students must demonstrate their comprehension of course material by successfully completing a research essay and a final exam. In accomplishing these course objectives, students will acquire extensive knowledge, skill set, and confidence to research, analyze, and discuss

criminal law and its institutional processes.

Required Texts

Goff, Colin H. *Criminal Justice in Canada, 7th Edition*. (2017) Toronto, ON: Nelson Education.
[Can be purchased at the Carleton Bookstore. Also on reserve at the Carleton library for 2 hour loan]

Course Evaluation

Assignments	Due Date	% of Final Grade
Attendance	Ongoing	10
Research Essay	Apr. 9	40
Exam (Final exam period, April 10 – 22)	Apr. 21	50
Total	-	100

Attendance:

Students are expected to come to class having read and prepared to discuss all assigned readings. Throughout the semester students are also expected to raise and deliberate issues relating to their own respective group presentations and individual research essays. The ongoing evaluation is based on **10%** of actual attendance in classes.

Research Essay

Throughout the entire semester students should be thinking and developing a research essay that focuses on one course topic (Weeks 2 – 12) and undertake a critical analysis of a particular socio-legal issue/problem prevalent within that specific area of the Canadian criminal legal system. More details about instructions, objectives, and expectations will be announced during the semester. The ‘Research Essay’ will be approximately 2000 and 3000 words (11-12 font size, 8-12 double spaced pages), sources should be properly referenced (i.e. in-text citations/footnotes and bibliography), and the writing should contain little to no grammar or spelling errors. Students will submit a digital copy (in Microsoft Word format) of their paper by **11:55pm on Monday, April 9th through electronic submission via the course’s CULearn webpage**. The document should include a separate title page with the date, your full name and student ID#, working title of research project, course code (LAWS2302E: Criminal Law) and instructor name (Nicholas Lamb). This assignment is worth **40%** of the student’s final grade.

Exam:

The exam will take place during the scheduled exam period on April 21 at 2pm (location TBD) and students will have three hours to complete it. It will consist of multiple-choice regarding material from **weeks two through twelve**. In other words, the exam is cumulative. The exam is worth **50%** of the student’s final 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.

Course Policies

Late Policy:

A late assignment will be penalized at the rate of **5% per day (including weekends)**. Please consult with me (not the TA) at least **three days** before the due date if you have a current or impending serious medical or personal matter that will prevent you from submitting an assignment on time. Only in exceptional circumstances, will I grant an extension less than three days prior to the due date. Third party documentation is required for all extensions.

Draft Review Policy:

Neither the TA nor I will review or provide feedback on drafts of the research paper. However, students are encouraged to pose any questions about assignments during class time and/or my office hours. Students can also email their research questions to me (but not the TA) to get a brief explanation or clarification. If you are experiencing difficulties in writing composition please consult the Writing Tutorial Service provided by the Student Academic Success Centre (<https://carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/>). I strongly encourage students to familiarize themselves with on campus writing services/resources as soon as possible. In addition to excellent online resources, the Centre offers opportunities for students to develop effective writing skills and time management skills – both of which are crucial to success in university.

Intellectual Property:

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Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments
1	Jan. 8	Course Introduction, Objectives, and Expectations	None
*	Jan. 15	Class cancelled due to illness	
2	Jan. 22	An Overview of the Criminal Justice System in Canada	Chapter 1

3	Jan. 29	Criminal Law and Criminal Justice in Canada	Chapter 2
4	Feb. 5	Control Philosophy and Criminal Justice Policy	Chapter 3
*	Feb. 12	Class cancelled due to travel issue	
***	Feb. 19	Winter Break	None
5	Feb. 26	Crime Rates, Crime Trends, and Criminal Victimization	Chapter 4
6	Mar. 5	Policing	Chapter 5, 6, 7 (specific sections to be announced)
7	Mar. 12	Pretrial Criminal Procedure	Chapter 8
8	Mar. 19	The Courts and Criminal Trial Procedure	Chapter 9
9	Mar. 26	Sentencing	Chapter 10
10	Apr. 2	Probation and Incarceration	Chapter 11, 12 (specific sections to be announced)
11 & 12	Apr. 9	Reintegration & Course Review	Chapter 13 ***Research Essay Due***