

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2302A – Criminal Law

TERM: Fall 2017

PREREQUISITES: LAWS 1000

CLASS: Day & Time: TUESDAY 1805 – 20:55

Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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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

This course is an extension of the theories and approaches that are typically dealt with in LAWS 2301. It is designed to provide a practical introduction to Criminal Law in Canada and to the institution, processes and rules. The goal is to highlight the elements of criminal offences and to examine various legal defences and their effectiveness in the system.

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

REQUIRED TEXTS

- A. Required Text: Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Context 5th Edition – Authored by Ron Saunders and Rebecca Bromwich. The text is available at the University Bookstore and on Reserve at the University Library.

- B. Recommended: Criminal Justice in Canada by Colin Goff 6TH edition.

EVALUATION

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.

MARKING SCHEME

1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam (one hour and fifteen minutes) will be **Oct 17th/17**
2. Final Examination 35% - Will be during the DEC 10th-22nd exam period
3. Class Assignment 35% - Assignments due **Nov 10th/17**
4. Participation 10% - Will be based upon attendance and participation

Both examinations will be closed book. The exams 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.

SYLLABUS – FALL TERM

Sep 12 Topic: Course Introduction, Overview and assignments
Readings: None required for this day

Sep 19 Topic: Overview of Crime and Punishments
Readings: Chapter 5

Sep 26 Topic: Crime, Sentencing and Punishment
Readings: Chapter 5 continued

Oct 3 Topic: Criminal law and liability
Readings: Chapter 6 – 6.1.1-6.1.2

Oct 10 Topic: Criminal law and liability
Readings: Chapter 6 – section 6.1.3 – 6.2.1

Oct 17 **MIDTERM EXAMINATION (IN CLASS – one hour and 15 minutes)**

Oct 24 **FALL BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS**

Oct 31 Topic: Criminal Law Liability -
Readings: Chapter 6 – section 6.2.1 – 6.3

Nov 7 Topic: Defences
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.1 7.2.1 - **ESSAY ASSIGNMENT DUE**

Nov 14 Topic: Defences
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.2.2- 7.3.2

Nov 21 Topic: Defences
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.4 – 7.4.2

Nov 28 Topic: Defences
Readings: Chapter 7 – section 7.4.3-7.4.4

Dec 5 Topic: **EXAM REVIEW**