

COURSE: LAWS/HIST 3305 A Crime and State in History

TERM: Fall 2017

PREREQUISITES: Third year standing or above

CLASS: Day & Time: Tuesdays, 11:30-2:30

Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course surveys historical changes in the definition of crime and the administration of criminal law. While the adversarial criminal trial with jury is associated with the medieval origins of the common law, the basic elements of our current criminal justice system reflect relatively recent transformations in law enforcement, the criminal trial and punishment. These transformations are associated with the rise of the modern state and were responses to the effects of industrialization, urbanization, and colonization. The course focuses on 18th and 19th century England, and on the adoptions of the English criminal law and institutions in late 18th and 19th century Canada. Selected issues in criminal law history are also explored (eg., the experiences of first nations and women, resort to criminal law during political crises).

COURSE ORGANIZATION:

Lecture and class discussions. Students will be expected to have completed the required readings from the 3305 coursepack, and/or supplements made available on *CULearn*, for a particular week's topic as specified in the schedule set out on the following pages.

REQUIRED READING MATERIALS:

Purchase of the following coursepack is required. It contains all the assigned readings and is available in the university bookstore:

B. Wright, LAWS/HIST 3305 *Crime and State in History* (2017 ed.) (used copies of the 2014, 15 and 16 editions of this coursepack, with my name on it, are suitable).

Lecture abstracts (overhead displays in class) to help frame your readings, additional readings, essay topics and exam review information will be made available on *CULearn*.

COURSE EVALUATION:

a)	Research Essay	50%
	(10-15 pages, Due November 2017)	
b)	Final Examination	50%
	(3 hour closed book, scheduled during December Exam Period),	

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION:

-Both assessed components must be completed in order to receive a passing grade. A deferred examination or essay assignment, following the same format, may be written upon application to and approval from the Registrar's Office.

-Essays should be submitted in person to me in class on the due date, during my office hours at Kroeger College, or deposited in the essay drop box located outside the Law Department General Office, C473 Loeb Building, by 4:00 pm (the Department of Law assumes no responsibility for essays or assignments

submitted in an irregular manner).

- Late essays will be marked down one-half letter grade (eg. B to B-) for each day submitted after the due date without authorized extension from me. Essays must be typed or word-processed and submitted in hard copy. Handwritten papers, computer files, or email attachments will not be accepted. Please retain a photocopy or a secure file copy of the submitted essay. Please make careful note of regulations concerning academic integrity referred to above and related instructional offences as described in the Undergraduate Calendar. Prior approval of the instructor must be obtained if it is intended to submit work that has previously or concurrently been submitted for credit in this or another course.

- Essays will be returned at the exam review class at the end of term. Those not picked up at the last class will be returned at the final exam after you have completed it. Exams are not returned but may be reviewed with me during my office hours the following term.

TOPICS AND READINGS:

All required readings below found in the 3305 coursepack and supplements added in *CULearn*.

SCHEDULE:

Lecture 1 Introductory class

Lecture 2 Conceptualizing Legal History and Origins of Canada's Criminal Law System in Medieval and Early Modern England

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Wright, "Overview: Historical Perspectives on Criminal Law, Legal Historical Research, and the Development of Early English Criminal Law"

Part 1: Overview of Developments in Criminal Law, Historiographic Debates

Lecture 3. Eighteenth Century England

- Hay, "Property, Authority and the Criminal Law" (see *CULearn*)

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Langbein, "Albion's Fatal Flaws"

Lecture 4. Nineteenth Century England: The Great Transformation - Reform or More Efficient Repression?

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- McGowan, "The Images of Justice and Reform in the Criminal Law in Early Nineteenth Century England"

Lecture 5. The Reception of English Criminal Law in Canada

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Hay, "The Meanings of the Criminal Law in Quebec, 1764-1774"
- Glavin, "The Nisga'a Treaty: Death of an Ideology"
- Parker, "The Origins of the Canadian Criminal Code"

Essay topics made available at this class (10 October)

Part 2: Institutional Developments and the Administration of Criminal Law

Lecture 6. Law Enforcement, the Rise of Police and Public Prosecutions

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Storch, "The Plague of Blue Locusts"
- Wright, "A Note on Law Enforcement and Prosecutions"
- Macleod, "Canadianizing the West: The North West Mounted Police as Agents of National Policy"
- Hay, "Controlling the English Prosecutor"

Lecture 7. The Criminal Trial and Legal Personnel (7 Nov, no class 24 Oct. Reading Week)

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Langbein, "The Criminal Trial Before Lawyers"
- Beattie, "The Scales of Justice: Defence Counsel and the English Criminal Trial in the 18th and 19th Centuries"
- Wright, "A Note on the Jury and Judges"

Lecture 8. Punishment

Please re-read for this class from the coursepack:

- McGowan, "The Images of Justice and Reform in the Criminal Law in Early Nineteenth Century England" (re-read from lecture 4)
- Taylor, "The Kingston, Ontario Penitentiary and Moral Architecture"

Part 3: Selected Issues in Canadian Criminal Law History

Lecture 9 Conquest and the Experience of Native Peoples in Canada

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Loo, "The Road from Bute Inlet"
- Schuh, "Justice on the Northern Frontier: Early Murder Trials of Native Accused"

Essays due 14 November (bring to class)

Lecture 10 The Experiences of Women

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- Gavigan, "Petit Treason in 18th Century England"
- Backhouse, "Sayer Street Outrage,"
- Wright, "A Note on Gender and the History of Criminal Law"

Lecture 11 Politics and the Rule of Law in Canada

Please read for this class from the coursepack:

- McNaught, "Political Trials and the Canadian Political Tradition"

Last Class (5 December): Examination review session, Essays returned