

COURSE: **LAWS 4802A – Criminal Jury Trials**

TERM: **Fall 2017**

PREREQUISITES: **LAWS 2301 AND LAWS 2302**

CLASS: **Day & Time:** **Monday, 11:30 – 14:30**
Room: **Please check with Carleton Central for current room location.**

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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/>

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You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/>

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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 a critical analysis of the criminal jury trial system. There will be an examination of historical alternatives, development and modern alternatives. Topics may include accused election, the reasons for electing judge and jury, juror qualification, jury selection, challenge for cause, change of venue, opening addresses, the trial process, closing addresses, and charging the jury. This will involve an analysis of how and why it came into being, why it survives and how it has evolved as well as the function of the judge, the jury dynamic and jury composition.

This course is a sequel to LAWS 2004 (no longer offered) 2301, 2302. The instructor holds a Doctorate in Policing and is a retired police staff sergeant with over 30 years relevant experience. The roles of the accused, victims, police, defense counsel, Crown attorney, judges, juries, media, politicians and the public will all be examined. Current issues before the courts, legislatures and the media will also be discussed. Students are encouraged to follow the media reports on current issues dealing with the jury trials so that they can participate in class discussions.

Reference will be made to the text, specific readings, the Juries Act, the Criminal Code and case law. The course will be taught through lectures and discussions and guest lecturers. Students will be encouraged to participate by applying and critiquing the various institutions, concepts, and case law. A detailed course outline as well as weekly assigned readings will be given on the first day of class.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Tanovich, David M., David M. Paciocco and Steven Skurka, *Jury Selection in Criminal Trials: Skills, Science and the Law*. Concord, Ont.: Irwin Law, 1997. (Has been ordered at the Carleton Bookstore.)

A recent Criminal Code edition (e.g. Martin's Annotated Criminal Code, Tremear's Annotated Criminal Code, Carswell's Pocket edition).

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

A list of additional readings will be supplied.

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.

The grade in this course will be based on the following:

1. 15% - Midterm examination: in class multiple-choice, short answer, closed book – Oct 30, 2017
2. 20% - In class presentation, course attendance, preparedness, participation and contribution to class discussion. (Actual in class presentations to be conducted between Nov 20 and Dec 4, 2017)
3. 30% - Final examination: multiple-choice, short answer, closed book to be held during formal exam period at the end of the 2017 Fall term (December 10-22)
4. 35% - Essay

IN CLASS PRESENTATION: 20 Marks

Students will work in groups of two to present on a relevant Canadian jury topic. Presentations should be approximately 20-30 minutes in length and must include a one to two page handout including references and open-ended discussion questions. Students are expected to lead a discussion around the significance of the topic and provide thoughtful answers to the questions they have posed.

ESSAY: 35 Marks

Essays must be about 12 typewritten pages double-spaced (approximately 3,000 words), excluding bibliography, and should not exceed 15 pages, double-spaced, excluding bibliography. If you exceed the maximum length, your paper may be returned for shortening prior to marking.

Essays are due IN-CLASS on Monday, November 13, 2017. Late assignments will be deducted marks and can be dropped through the Drop Slot in the corridor outside C-473 Loeb. Note the rules concerning the submission of assignments through the drop slot; these rules are clearly explained in the Department of Law and Legal Studies Policy and Procedure Statement. You are responsible for the date stamped on your paper if you choose to deposit it into the drop slot. You should verify the rules with the department before opting to use this method for handing in your essay. Late essays will be penalized a one-third letter grade per day (i.e., if non penalized grade was A, after one day it would be penalized to A-, then to B+ after two days, etc.)

Only original work will be accepted. It is an instructional offence to submit work that has previously or is currently being submitted for credit in this or another course. Essays must be written specifically for Laws 4802, and cannot be submitted to another instructor. The essay will account for 35 marks, re: 35% of your final grade and will be returned in class.

Essay Grading considerations include the following

1. Writing quality (i.e. clarity of writing, as well as proper spelling, grammar, legal case citation, and footnote use) following APA referencing style;
2. Presentation and structure
 - Introduction with clear research question or statement
 - Scope of inquiry
 - Arguments in favor and opposing change
 - Critical analysis
 - General conclusion;
3. Quality of Research: Have you presented the current research in the field, and cited the work and studies of the leading Canadian experts and authorities?
4. Quality of Critical Analysis: Have you discussed and analyzed the research in a thorough, balanced and objective fashion?
5. Meeting deadline.

Essay & Presentation Extensions

Consistent with Legal Studies policy, extensions are granted ONLY for verifiable exceptional circumstances. A verifiable exceptional circumstance generally means a death in your immediate family, or personal illness. Personal illness requires a certificate from a doctor. To guarantee fairness to all students, this policy is strictly

enforced. **Unless you have been granted an extension, one third grade point will be deducted for each day that your essay is late or presentation delayed.**

For further explanation of the regulations in this regard, see the Policy and Procedure Statement or contact the Department of Law and Legal Studies.

Final Examinations will be held between December 10-22, 2017.

SCHEDULE

LAWS 4802A : CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS - COURSE SCHEDULE (Fall 2017)			
Date	Class #	Topic	Readings
Sept. 11	1	Course overview (Essay assigned)	
Sept. 18	2	Introduction and History (Presentations assigned)	Ch. 1
Sept. 25	3	Jury Selection – Pretrial Current event discussion (Presentation teams set, topics selected, dates set)	Ch. 2, 3, 9 & Juries Act; News articles
Oct. 2	4	Change of Venue – Ottawa Courthouse	
Oct. 9	5	Thanksgiving – no class	
Oct. 16	6	Jury Selection – In Court – Peremptory Challenge Current event discussion	Juries Act & Ch. 10, 11 News articles
Oct. 23-27	7	Fall Break – no class	
Oct. 30	8	In class exam	
Nov. 6	9	Jury Selection – In Court – Challenge for Cause	Ch. 4, 5
Nov. 13	10	Jury Selection – In Court – Challenge for Cause (Essay Due)	Ch. 6, 7, 8
Nov. 20	11	Presentations	
Nov. 27	12	Presentations	
Dec 4	13	Presentations & Course Review for Examination	
Dec.10-22	End of Term Examinations		

Essay

Topic: Identify two changes to the Canadian jury system you feel warrant serious consideration. In your essay, clearly identify what they are. Be sure to discuss such fundamental issues such as why they currently exist? What attempts to change them have already occurred? What would be necessary to change the status quo? What are the pros, cons, costs and opportunities associated with making the changes you have highlighted? (e.g., paying jurors minimum wage, reducing/increasing number of jurors, changing jury duty rules, etc.) Keep in mind that even a modest change can carry disproportionate impact or cost, and whether they might require Constitutional, Jury Act or other legislative amendments.

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Presentation

In class presentations will take place from Nov 20 to Dec 4, 2017.

Students will work in groups of two to present on a relevant Canadian jury topic. The week prior to their presentation, students shall assign a relevant reading(s) and at least three open-ended discussion questions.

Students are expected to provide a 10-15 minute overview of the topic and must include a one to two page handout including non-course references. Students are also expected to lead a 10-15 minute discussion providing thoughtful insights and/or answers to the questions they have posed. Total presentation time of approximately 20-30 minutes per group.

Topics can be selected from below. One topic per group. Topics will be selected/assigned on September 25, 2017. Additional topics can be selected if formally approved by the course instructor no later than Oct 16, 2017.

- i. Accused election
- ii. Juror qualification
- iii. Jury selection
- iv. Challenge for cause

- v. Change of venue
- vi. Opening addresses
- vii. Closing addresses
- viii. Charging the jury
- ix. Judges direction
- x. Jury duty
- xi. Historical jury-related case in headline (more than one group can select provided not same exemplar case)
- xii. Current jury-related case in headline (more than one group can select provided not same exemplar case)
- xiii. Media and juries
- xiv. Race and juries
- xv. Other topic with instructor approval by October 16, 2017