

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

TERM: **Winter - 2018**

PREREQUISITES: **LAWS 2301, 2302**

CLASS: **Day & Time: Thursdays 18:05-20:55**
Room: **Please check with Carleton Central for current room location**

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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 – Authored by Nicholas Bala and Sanjeev Anand. The text is available at the University Bookstore and is on Reserve at the University Library

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.

1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam (one and a half hours) will be **Feb 15th/18**
2. Final Examination 40% - Will be during the **APR 14th-26th** exam period
3. Class Assignment 30% - Assignments due **MAR 8th/18**
4. Participation 10% - Will be based upon attendance and participation

Both examinations will be closed book. The exams will be comprised of 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

Jan 11 Topic: Course Introduction, Overview and assignments

Readings: Chapter 1

Jan 18 Topic: Principles of youth law

Readings: Chapter 2

Jan 25 Topic: Jurisdiction of youth court

Readings: Chapter 3

Feb 1 Topic: Arrest, search and questioning youth

Readings: Chapter 4

Feb 8 Topic: Diversion and other options for youth

Reading: Chapter 5

Feb 15 **MIDTERM EXAMINATION**

Feb 22 **WINTER BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS**

Mar 1 Topic: Lawyers in the youth justice process

Readings: Chapter 6

Mar 8 Topic: The youth justice process

Readings: Chapter 7 – **ASSIGNMENT DUE**

Mar 15 Topic: Sentencing under the YCJA

Readings: Chapter 8

Mar 22 Topic: Adult sentencing for youths

Readings: Chapter 9

Mar 29 Topic: Canadian youth justice in context

Readings: Chapter 10

Apr 5 Topic: **EXAM REVIEW**