

Crime, Law, and Politics

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Schedule of Topics:

1. Week 1 Topic

Defining Crime and Criminal Law powers in Canada

The Charter, civil liberties and Criminal Law

Critical consideration – archaic worldview (ex. “alarming the King”)

2. Week 2 Topic

Criminal Offences – History, Structure, and Reform of the Criminal Code.

Critical consideration: Indigenous overincarceration – colonialism in the Code

3. Week 3 Topic

Defences under the Common Law and by statute

Critical consideration: gender and defences - examples – provocation, self defence and the “battered woman syndrome”)

4. Week 4 Topic

The Right to Counsel

Critical consideration: access to justice and legal aid funding

5. Week 5 Topic

Evidence law

Critical consideration–search and seizure, R v Grant

6. Week 6 Topic

Trials, Juries and laypeople’s roles in Criminal Law

Critical consideration–juries of “peers”–the Colton Boushie case

