

Course Outline

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<b>COURSE:</b>	<b>LAWS 2301 B &amp; T – Criminal Justice System</b>
<b>TERM:</b>	<b>Fall 2014</b>
<b>PREREQUISITES:</b>	<b>LAWS 1000</b>
<b>CLASS:</b>	<b>Day &amp; Time:</b> Section B: Wednesday night, 18 h 05 to 20 h 55 (Loeb C-264) Section T: Video on Demand; Rogers Ottawa Channel 243
	<b>Room:</b> Please check with Carleton Central for current room location
<b>INSTRUCTOR: (CONTRACT)</b>	<b>Gilles LeVasseur</b>
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Please use only your Carleton email account in the correspondence and "LAWS 2301" in the subject line.

Course website: Logon at <https://culearn.carleton.ca>

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**Academic Accommodations**

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**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://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

**Religious 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://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to

request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.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://www.carleton.ca/law/student-resources/department-policies/>

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### **General**

The purpose of this course is to provide a broad introduction to the Canadian criminal legal system and to the institutions, processes, rules and actors that comprise it. The goal is to situate the criminal law within its general social setting, practically and theoretically, and to examine the interrelationship between the aspirations and practices of each. The class will also look in detail at the participants and parties in the criminal justice system, and in particular examine the mechanisms of accountability and control for these actors and their relative effectiveness. Current examples and reforms will be discussed throughout the course to highlight the pertinent issues and problems within the system.

**N.B.** The prerequisite for enrolling in this course is the successful completion of LAWS 1000.

### **Materials**

Required text:

*Criminal Justice in Canada: Edited by Karla O'Regan and Susan Reid (EMP 2013)* - Available (new and

used) at the Carleton University Bookstore or Haven Books, 43 Seneca Avenue, Ottawa (havenbooks.ca).

### Web Site

Course announcements, grades, and other materials will be posted on the course web site on cuLearn. To logon, go to <https://culearn.carleton.ca>. Only students registered in the course have access to the site; your Username and Password to sign on are the same as those for your cmail account.

### Evaluation

1. Midterm	30%
2. Written assignment	30%
3. December Examination	40%

#### Explanation of evaluation scheme:

1. The December exam will be held during the formal examination period (December 10 – 21); the exact date, time and location will be announced by the Scheduling Office during the term.
2. The midterm will be written on **Sunday, October 19, at 17:00 p.m. – 19:00 p.m.** It will be a closed book exam. Complete details will be provided before the midterm.
3. The details of the written assignment will be announced during term.

#### Please note:

- i) A medical certificate or other appropriate documentation must be provided to support any request to write a deferred examination or to hand in the assignment late.
- ii) Both sections of the course write the same assignment and exams.
- iii) The penalty for a late assignment is zero if past the due date.

### Syllabus

Please note: Fall break is October 27 – 31: No class.

The course syllabus will generally follow the topics as presented in the "Table of Contents" in the text. The general topics and the order in which they are presented are as follows (subject to some variations as required by time constraints):

1. Introduction – Chapter one
2. Policing practices – Chapter two
3. Theoretical issues and perspectives – Chapter three
4. The legal powers of the police – Chapter four
5. History of criminal law – Chapter five
6. Criminal procedure – Chapter six
7. Forensic Science – Chapter seven
8. Sentencing – Chapter eight
9. Institutional corrections – Chapters nine, ten and eleven

10. Population in focus – chapters twelve, thirteen and fourteen
  11. Youth justice – Chapter fifteen
  12. Prevention – Chapters sixteen
- Conclusion

### **Grades and Grade Adjustments**

Students must complete all the requirements of the course to obtain a passing grade. Furthermore, be advised that there is the possibility the final marks in these sections of LAWS 2301 will be adjusted if they are markedly different from the distribution and/or average of the marks received in other sections of this course.

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.