

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2301 D – Criminal Justice System
TERM:	Fall 2014
PREREQUISITES:	LAWS 1000
CLASS:	Day & Time: Monday 18:05 – 20:55 Room: Please check Carleton Central for current room location
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<http://www.carleton.ca/law/student-resources/department-policies/>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to provide a broad introduction to the Canadian Criminal Legal System and to the institution, processes, rules and actors. The goal is to situate the criminal law within its general social setting and to examine the interrelationship between the aspirations and practices of each.

A strong emphasis is placed on the practical aspect of the law and how the players within the legal system achieve justice. In the latter part of the course, the focus will be on the criminal law in its more traditional formulations as found in *The Criminal Code* of Canada and in the cases, along with specific current issues in Canada.

REQUIRED TEXT

- A. Required Text: *Criminal Law in Canada: An Introduction to the Theoretical, Social and Legal Context* **4th Edition** (Toronto: Carswell, 2002).
- B. Recommended: *Criminal Justice in Canada* by Colin Goff 4TH Ed.
- C. Recommended: *The Criminal Code*. A pocket Edition of *The Criminal Code* of Canada is acceptable.

EVALUATION

(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

- 1. Midterm Examination 20% - In class exam will be held on **Nov 3/14**
- 2. Final Examination 35% - Held in the December exam period (**TBA**)
- 3. Essay Assignment 35% - Due date for assignment is **Dec 1/14**
- 4. Participation 10% - Based on attendance and participation

Examinations will be closed book. The examinations will comprise multiple choice and short-answer questions. Students will be responsible for all of the required readings, information provided by guest speakers, supplementary material distributed in class as well as material covered in the lectures.

SCHEDULE

Sep 8	<u>Topic:</u>	Introduction and course overview/Assignment
Sep 15	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal Law and Government Regulation Chapter 1
Sep 22	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Perspectives on criminal law Chapter 2
Sep 29	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Perspectives on criminal law - (continued) Chapter 2
Oct 6	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Legislation and the role of Parliament Chapter 3
Oct 13		THANKSGIVING MONDAY - NO SCHEDULED CLASS
Oct 20	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	The Role of the Courts Chapter 3
Oct 27		FALL BREAK – NO SCHEDULED CLASS
Nov 3		IN CLASS MIDTERM EXAM – 20%
Nov 10	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.1 - GUEST SPEAKERS TO ATTEND
Nov 17	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.2 - GUEST SPEAKER TO ATTEND
Nov 24	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.3
Dec 1	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law- personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.4 – Submission date for Assignment
Dec 8	<u>Topic:</u> <u>Readings:</u>	Criminal law – personnel, participants and powers Chapter 4.5- plus 1-4 Exam Review