

# LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

## Political Science 2311 FAO

### Criminal Law

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#### CONTENT

This course deals with an overview of criminal law in Canada: theory and procedure. Lectures will deal with the following topics: -criminal law and types of crimes -criminal procedure -criminal law and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms -the role of the Crown Attorney the role of the defence counsel Lawyers' professional responsibility - evidentiary issues, etc. It will also discuss the the political issues and controversies surrounding various aspects of criminal law.

#### TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Lectures and Class Discussion.

#### REQUIRED TEXT

Simon N. Verdun-Jones. *Criminal Law in Canada* (available at the book store)

#### EVALUATION

Attendance and participation .....	5%
Mid-term Examination (February 14).....	25%
Essay (due March 25).....	30% (Optional)
Final Examination .....	40% or 70%

#### LECTURE OUTLINE

LECTURES	TOPICS	READINGS
Lecture 1:	Introduction: An overview of the course	Lecture

Lecture 2:	Crime and Criminal Law	Chapter 1
Lecture 3:	Criminal Law in Canada: Sources	Chapter 1
Lecture 4:	Elements of Criminal Law: Actus Reus	Chapter 2
Lecture 5:	Actus Reus: Causation	Chapter 3
Lecture 6:	Mental Elements: Mens Rea	Chapter 4
Lecture 7:	Mental Elements: Subjective Liability	Chapter 4
Lecture 8:	Mens Rea: Objective Liability	Chapter 5
Lecture 9:	The Criminal Process	Lecture
Lecture 10:	Pre Trial Release	Lecture
Lecture 11:	Continued	Lecture
Lecture 12:	<b>MID TERM EXAMINATION</b>	<b>February 14</b>
Lecture 13:	Disclosure and the Role of Crown Attorney	Lecture
Lecture 14:	Defence Lawyer and Professional Responsibility	Lecture
Lecture 15:	Preliminary Inquiry	Lecture
Lecture 16:	Pre-trial Application	Lecture
Lecture 17:	Mental Impairment and Criminal Responsibility	Chapter 8
Lecture 18:	The Trial	Chapter 9
Lecture 19:	Mistake of Fact, Consent, and Mistake of Law	Chapter 9
Lecture 20:	Sentencing/Provocation and Intoxication	Chapter 10
Lecture 21:	Appeals	Lecture
Lecture 22:	Youth Criminal Justice Act	Chapter 11
Lecture 23:	Conclusion: Review and exam preparation	

**FINAL EXAMINATION.**

**Date will be announced by the Registrar.**