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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 law and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the trial process: -the role of the Crown Attorney the role of the defence counsel Lawyers' professional responsibilities, sentencing, etc. It will also discuss 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 16)…… 25%

Essay (due on the last day of this class)…… 30% (Optional)

Final Examination …… .40% or 70%

ESSAY TOPIC: Any interesting criminal case that has gone through trial in any Canadian court. Write on: a) the Background of the Case; b) The Trial; c) Judgment: An Analysis, and d) Conclusion.

LECTURE OUTLINE

LECTURES	TOPICS	READINGS
Lecture 1:	Introduction: An overview of the course	Lecture
Lecture 2:	Fundamentals of Criminal Law in General	Chapter 1
Lecture 3:	Fundamentals of Criminal Law in Canada	Chapter 1
Lecture 4:	The Canadian Constitution and Criminal Law:	Chapter 2
Lecture 5:	The Prohibited Acts: Actus Reus	Chapter 3
Lecture 6:	The Fault Element: Mens Rea	Chapter 4
Lecture 7:	The Objective Element: Men's Rea	Chapter 4
Lecture 8:	Causing Prohibited Act	Chapter 5
Lecture 9:	Unfulfilled Crimes and Participation in Crimes	Chapter 7
Lecture 10:	Continued	Lecture
Lecture 11**:**	**MID TERM EXAMINATION**	**February 16, 2017**
Lecture 12:	Regulatory Offences	Chapter 6
Lecture 14:	Intoxication	Chapter 10
Lecture 15:	Mental Disorder	Chapter 8.
Lecture 16:	Defence of Automatism	Lecture
Lecture 17:	Defence of Provocation	Chapter 8
Lecture 18	Self Defence and Defence of Property	Chapter 12
Lecture 19:	Defence of Necessity and Duress	Chapter 11
Lecture 20:	Mistake of Fact, Consent and Mistake of Law	Chapter 9
Lecture 21	The Trial Process	Lecture
Lecture 22:	Sentencing	Lecture
Lecture 23	: Conclusion: Review and exam preparation	

FINAL EXAMINATION: TAKE HOME