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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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Criminal Law

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Mondays 7 pm -10 pm
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Course Outline

- An overview of criminal law in Canada, theory and procedure, including the political issues and controversies surrounding it.
- Lectures will deal with the following topics:
 - Criminal law and social policy
 - 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 and Defences

Required Textbook

Criminal Law in Canada, 7th Edition (unless newer edition available), Simon N. Verdun-Jones (available at Lakehead University book store)

Other resources to be provided.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Mid-term Examination (take home-February 14-17)	worth	30% (Mandatory)
Essay (submitted by email by February 1)	worth	30% (Optional)
Final Examination (April exam period-multiple choice) optional essay is not submitted) (Mandatory)	worth	40% (or 70% if

The mid-term examination is a take home exam consisting of short answer and essay type questions that you will return by email within 72 hours (sent to students on February 14, 2023 at 9:00 am; to be returned by students on February 17, 2023 at 9:00 am). The final examination (one and one half hours in length) is a multiple choice examination, closed

book and will be scheduled during the April exam period. **The mid-term examination and the final examination are both mandatory. The essay submission is optional, and will serve to reduce the weight of the final examination for your over-all grade if you submit one no later than the deadline date.**

The final examination will include questions from the entire term and will be based on all lectures, all power point slides, all assigned readings and all assigned text book chapters.

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