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**Criminal Law**

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**Tuesday & Thursday: 4:00--5:30 p.m.**

**OA2014**

**Office Hours:**

**Tuesday and Thursday 11.30-12.30 or --or by appointment**

**CONTENT**

This course deals with 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 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
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**TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

Lectures and Class Discussion.

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**REQUIRED TEXT**

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

Other resources to be provided in the class.

## **EVALUATION**

Attendance and participation	5%
Mid-term Examination (October 21).....	25%
Essay (due November 25).....	30% (Optional)
Final Examination (December examination period).....	40% or 70%

**The final examination is open book and 3 hours in length.**

### **LECTURE OUTLINE**

<b>LECTURES</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>READINGS</b>
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
<b>Lecture 12:</b>	<b>MID TERM EXAMINATION</b>	<b>October 21</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: Guest Speaker	
Lecture 24: Conclusion: Review and exam preparation	

<p><u>FINAL EXAMINATION: <b>OPEN BOOK.</b></u>  <u>Date will be announced by the Registrar.</u></p>
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