

CJ 2130
CRIMINAL LAW

TEXTBOOKS: (T) Simon N. Verdun-Jones, Cases Questions and the Code, 4th Edition Pocket Criminal Code of Canada 2010, 7th Edition

OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Students should also obtain copies of the relevant sections of the Constitution Acts 1867, and 1982; both are accessible on the Internet. Other materials may be made available on the course website from time to time. Students should check the course website at least once a week for announcements and readings.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces students to the nature, purpose, scope, sources and basic principles of the criminal law. The course covers the fundamental legal concepts listed in the reading syllabus below. Students engage in a critical examination of the legislative policies expressed in the Criminal Code of Canada and examine the legal principles pertaining to specific crimes and defenses to a charge. The course considers by way of introduction the interplay of the criminal law and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The course does not cover the intricacies of criminal process and procedure or the legal process of policing but focuses on the theoretical elements of crime from a legal perspective at trial.

EXPECTATIONS:

The reading list is firm but is subject to amendment on occasion due to time constraints and in addition the timetables of coverage may vary. Students are

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Time Permitting:

Regulatory offences

Readings (T) Ch. 6

Modes of participation in crime, inchoate offences

Readings Parties to an Offence and Inchoate Offences on the website
Additional readings and topics tba

METHODS AND MODES OF EXAMINATIONS

Exams are open book. This means that any and all course materials and texts, including your notes, may be brought to class. You may not bring in books or articles that have not been assigned in class. These materials may be confiscated during exams and you may be asked to stop writing if you are spotted with these materials. Use of such prohibited materials is a form of academic misconduct. You may use previous editions of course materials though.

Midterms

Test 1: Written and multiple choice questions (25%)

Test 2: Written and multiple choice questions (25%)

Cumulative Final

Final Test (50%): check registrar listings (3 hours, cumulative)

The final test will be administered during the scheduled exam period. Check the