

Winter 2004

Camosun College Course Outline

CRIMINAL JUSTICE 150 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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Office Hours: Monday 10:30- 11:00
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COURSE SCHEDULE: Monday, 9:00- 10:20, Young 325.
Wednesday, 9:00- 10:20, Wilna Thomas 102.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Rand Dyck. Canadian Politics. Concise Second Edition.
Toronto: Nelson Canada, 2002.

Mark Charlton and Paul Barker. Contemporary Political Issues. Fourth Edition.
Toronto: Nelson Canada, 2002.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to the historical development and current operation of governing and law-making institutions in Canada, and the political, constitutional, and legal concepts of the Canadian justice system. (T)

Prerequisites: C+ in English 12 or assessment.

INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the conclusion of this course, each student will be able to describe the political and administrative systems which provide the environment within which the criminal justice system in Canada operates and the policy and law-making processes; articulate awareness of the interaction between politics and the criminal justice system in Canada; identify the key players in the criminal justice system; and identify and assess important issues in Canadian government and politics that have an impact on the operation of the criminal justice system.

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated according to the normal procedures and standards set by Camosun College. If exams or assignment deadlines are missed, medical or legal documentation will be required in order to write make-up exams or have assignment deadlines extended.

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following distribution of marks:

A+	95-100	B+	80-84	C+	65-69	D	50-59
A	90-94	B	75-79	C	60-64	F	<50
A-	85-89	B-	70-74				

Marks will be determined on the basis of the following work:

1. First Examination- 15%

A preliminary exam will be held in class on **February 9th**. It will consist of Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on February 4th. This examination will serve as a preview of the other examinations in this course and of the level of performance expected in the course. The format of the three examinations will be similar and this preliminary examination should be used as a guide in evaluating the effort and skills required for successful completion of this course in the areas of reading, listening, note-taking, and exam-writing.

2. Second Examination- 30%

A second examination will be given in class on **March 15th**. It will consist of three sections: Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. The exam will be based on material covered to date and will include material from lectures and required readings. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on March 10th.

3. Media Assignment- 15%

This assignment consists of collecting and annotating five articles from daily or weekly newspapers that show the relationship of criminal justice to parliamentary government. A separate handout will be provided for this assignment. The media assignment is due **March 24th**. Late assignments will be penalized. No assignments will be accepted after April 7th.

4. Final Examination- 40%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **April 13th- 21st**. The format will be the similar to the second examination, though the exam will be longer. The exam will cover material presented in the course as a whole, though there will be extra emphasis on material presented since the mid-term. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on April 7th.

ORGANISATION OF THE COURSE:

This course is set up as a survey course taught in two one-and-one-half hour blocks per week. The main topics to be covered in this course will be those necessary to understand both the concept of justice and how the justice system is administered in Canada. Topics to be covered will be divided into three sections: the Machinery of Parliamentary Government; Justice and Politics; and Policy-making and Accountability in the Justice System.

This schedule will provide a guide to lecture topics, reading assignments, and important dates:

January 7th	INTRODUCTION: JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY
January 12/14th	DEMOCRACY and CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY Dyck, Chapter 1. (Handout)
January 19th	THE CONSTITUTION Dyck, Chapter 11. Charleton, Reading #6.
January 21/26th	HOUSE OF COMMONS Dyck, Chapter 15. Charleton, Reading #12.
Jan 28th/ Feb 2nd	PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET GOVERNMENT Dyck, Chapter 13. (plus Handout.) Charleton, Reading #9.
February 4th	THE SENATE/ Review Dyck, pp. 335-40.
FEBRUARY 9th	FIRST EXAMINATION
February 11th	JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY Dyck, Chapters 2 & 4. Charleton, Reading #21.

February 16th FEDERALISM
 Dyck, Chapters 2 & 3.
 Charleton, Reading # 8.

February 18/23/25th JUSTICE AND IDEOLOGY
 Dyck, Chapter 6.
 Charleton, Readings #1 & #3.

March 1/3rd POLITICAL PARTIES
 Dyck, Chapter 9.
 Charleton, Reading #10.

March 8/10th ELECTIONS/ **Review**
 Dyck, Chapters 7 & 8.
 Charleton, Readings #13 & #14.

March 15th **SECOND EXAMINATION**

March 17/22nd CRIMINAL JUSTICE: POLICY AND ACCOUNTABILITY
 Dyck, Chapter 14.

March 24th INTEREST GROUPS
 Dyck, Chapter 10.

March 24th **MEDIA ASSIGNMENT DUE**

March 29/31st THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
 Handout.

April 5th THE COURT SYSTEM
 Dyck, Chapter 16.
 Charleton, Reading #11.

April 7th LAW ENFORCEMENT / **Review**
 (no new reading)

April 13-21st FINAL EXAM WEEK