## Camosun College Course Outline

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE 150 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

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Tuesday 10:30- 11:00, 13:00- 14:00 Wednesday 9:30- 10:30, 12:30-13:30

Thursday 10:30- 11:00

or by appointment

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**Faculty** 

**COURSE SCHEDULE**: Section 02: Tuesday/Thursday 9:00-10:20, Young 201.

Section 03: Tuesday/Thursday 11:00- 12:20, F202/F334

**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	В	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 **October 7th**. 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 October 5th. 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 **November 9th**. 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 November 4th.

## 3. Media Assignment- 15%

This assignment consists of collecting and annotating five articles from daily or weekly newspapers which show the relationship of criminal justice to parliamentary government. A separate handout will be provided for this assignment. The media assignment is due **November 25th**. Late assignments will be penalized. No assignments will be accepted after December 9th.

## 4. Final Examination- 40%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **December 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 December 9th.

#### 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:

September 7th INTRODUCTION: JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY

September 9/14th DEMOCRACY and CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

Dyck, Chapter 1. (Handout)

September 16th THE CONSTITUTION

Dyck, Chapter 11. Charleton, Reading #6.

September 21/23rd HOUSE OF COMMONS

Dyck, Chapter 15.

Charleton, Reading #12.

September 28/30th PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET GOVERNMENT

Dyck, Chapter 13. (plus Handout.)

Charleton, Reading #9.

October 5th THE SENATE/ Review

Dyck, pp. 335-40.

OCTOBER 7th FIRST EXAMINATION

October 12th JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY

Dyck, Chapters 2 & 4. Charleton, Reading #21. October 14/19/21st JUSTICE AND IDEOLOGY

Dyck, Chapter 6.

Charleton, Readings #1 & #3.

October 26/28th POLITICAL PARTIES

Dyck, Chapter 9.

Charleton, Reading #10.

November 2/4th ELECTIONS/ Review

Dyck, Chapters 7 & 8.

Charleton, Readings #13 & #14.

NOVEMBER 9th SECOND EXAMINATION

November 16th FEDERALISM

Dyck, Chapters 2 & 3. Charleton, Reading # 8.

November 18/23rd CRIMINAL JUSTICE: POLICY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Dyck, Chapter 14.

November 25th MEDIA ASSIGNMENT DUE

November 25th INTEREST GROUPS

Dyck, Chapter 10.

Nov 30/Dec 2 THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Handout.

December 7th THE COURT SYSTEM

Dyck, Chapter 16.

Charleton, Reading #11.

December 9th LAW ENFORCEMENT / Review

(no new reading)

DECEMBER 13-21ST FINAL EXAM WEEK