

	<p>School of Arts & Science CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>CRIM 270-01 Criminal Law Fall 2008</p>
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COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ _____

Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.
It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to this section, unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through EDCO for approval.)

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Articulate the basic principles, procedures and substantive areas of criminal law.
2. Identify the various sources of criminal law and critique the criminal justice system, its offences and defences.
3. Explore by the use of papers and other activities areas of criminal law that are of interest.
4. Articulate an appreciation of criminal law in practice by participating in a mock trial that as closely as possible replicates a true criminal trial.

3. Required Materials

1. *Criminal Law in Canada, Cases Questions and the Code*

Fourth Edition, Simon N. Verdun Jones, Harcourt Brace

The third edition is still around so by all means grab that. Also, this book ain't cheap. Feel free to buy with a friend or two and share. But, it is a good book and we use it.

3. *Crim 270 Annotated Casebook*

This casebook is required for this course. It is available in the bookstore. The cost of the book includes a \$2.00 per book donation to the Crim Justice program. The monies collected are used for scholarships for students in the program.

A copy of the Criminal Code is helpful, but not required.

4. Course Content and Schedule

		1 st Class
Introduction	Preface Discussion of outline and course requirements	
		2 nd Class
Review of Terms	Chapter 1 Discussion of textbook Discussion of casebook Background - types of offences Overview of justice system Sources of legislation	
		3 rd & 4 th Class
Procedure Review	Chapter 1 - 2 - courts, players, trials - arrest and charge procedures - plea types - burdens	
		Next 3 weeks
Actus Reus	Chapter 2 - elements of offences - history - application	
		October
Causation	Chapter 2 – 3 and Casebook Voluntariness Automatism	
		October
Mens Rea	Chapter 4 – 5 and Casebook - the other element to an offence - history and application - significance in offences - necessity of proof - Mens Rea as a defence itself - What is knowledge? - Direct and Indirect knowledge - What is intention? - The different types of intents	
		November
Defences	Chapter 5 - 6 - Criminal Negligence Causing Death - Manslaughter - Regulatory Offences - Strict Liability - Absolute Liability	
Defences	Chapters 7, 8 , and 9 and Casebook - duress - necessity - provocation - justification and excuse - immunity - children, crown, your spouse - internationally protected persons - military personnel - mental disorder - diseases of the mind - automatism - fitness to stand trial - aiding and abetting - intoxication - defence of property and of others - self defence - necessary force	

- mistake of fact
- mistake of law
- Charter of Rights
- procedural defence vs. defence to offences
- entrapment
- People in Authority
- ship's captain, doctor, pilot, College Prof!
- Alibi

Dates are not provided for the specific topics. It is impossible to gauge the speed at which we will travel through this minefield, but you will always know where we just were and where we are about to go.

If there is a particular area or defence you wish to know about, just ask! Not all of the areas covered are in the textbook. Some defences we talk about are not in the cases or in the text and you only get those if you come to class. **WARNING:** if you miss a class you better get someone's notes. Good luck passing this class if you figure reruns of The Hills are more important than coming to class.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

This course is pretty straight forward. There will be two exams – a mid-term and a final. There will also be four spelling tests. The weighting will be as follows:

Spelling Tests 4 x 2%	8%
Mid Term	32%
Final Exam	<u>60%</u>
	100%

The mid term and final exams will be true/false, multiple choice and short answer/fill in the blank questions. Anything covered in class, including the Casebook, can be on the exams. The final exam is cumulative (that means it covers the whole term). The mid term will be in class on October 31. The final is during exam week which is set by the college.

Mock Trial - bonus marks for participation

One of the highlights (other than the scintillating lectures) is the mock trial. This takes place in a courtroom at the courthouse downtown. It will resemble a real murder trial. Students play the roles of judge, lawyers, accused, and all the seedy underworld witnesses. This has been a very popular project for Crim 270 students in previous years.

6. Grading System

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Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3

60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED