



## COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/crim.html>

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only.  
It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records.  
You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Randall Garrison		
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

*(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)*

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

1. 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.
2. Articulate awareness of the interaction between politics and the criminal justice system in Canada.
3. Identify the key players in the criminal justice system.
4. Identify and assess important issues in Canadian government and politics that have an impact on the operation of the criminal justice system.

### 3. Required Materials

- (a) Texts: Rand Dyck. Canadian Politics. Concise Fourth Edition.  
Toronto: Nelson Canada, 2009.

Randall Garrison, ed. Readings for Criminal Justice 150.  
Toronto: Nelson Canada, 2009.

- (b) Other: None

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

September 8 <sup>th</sup>	INTRODUCTION: JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY Dyck, Chapter 2. (Optional)
September 10/ 15th	CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY AND DEMOCRACY Dyck, Chapter 1. (Handout #1)
September 17/22nd	PRIME MINISTER and CABINET GOVERNMENT Dyck, Chapter 13. (Handout #2.) Reading #1: "Is the Prime Minister Too Powerful?"
September 24/ 29th	HOUSE OF COMMONS Dyck, Chapter 15. Reading #2: "Parliament and Political Success in Canada."

- October 1st                    POLITICAL PARTIES  
Dyck, Chapter 9.  
Reading #3 "Should Party Discipline Be Relaxed?"
- October 6th                    ELECTIONS and ELECTION SYSTEMS  
Dyck, Chapters 6 & 8. (Handout #3)
- October 8th                    PARTICIPATION, MEDIA AND PUBLIC OPINION/ **REVIEW**  
Dyck, Chapter 7.

**OCTOBER 13th FIRST EXAMINATION**

- October 15/20th                FEDERALISM and CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
Dyck, Chapter 12.
- October 22nd                    THE CONSTITUTION AND CHARTER OF RIGHTS  
Dyck, Chapter 11.  
Dyck, pp. 335-40. (Handout #4.)
- October 27/ 29th                THE COURT SYSTEM  
Dyck, Chapter 16.  
Reading #4: "Should Parliament Review  
Supreme Court Appointments?"
- November 3rd                    JUSTICE AND PROSECUTION  
Reading #5: "The Role of the Prosecutor."
- November 5th                    POLICING AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM/ **Review**  
Reading #6: "Overview of Policing." (Handout #5.)

**NOVEMBER 10th                SECOND EXAMINATION**

**November 19th MEDIA ASSIGNMENT DUE**

- Nov 12/17/19th                JUSTICE AND IDEOLOGY  
Reading #7: "Classical Liberalism and Civil Society."  
Reading #8: "Will Conservatism ...Fail?"  
Reading #9: "Social Democracy in Theory and Practice."
- November 24/26th                THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY PROCESS  
Dyck, Chapter 13, pp. 310-313, and Chapter 14.
- December 1st                    INTEREST GROUPS  
Dyck, Chapter 10.
- December 3/ 8th                THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS  
Dyck, Chapter 15, pp. 366-368.
- December 10th                ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM/ **Review**  
(no new reading)

**DECEMBER 14th-21st                FINAL EXAM WEEK**

## 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

### a. First Examination- 20%

The first exam will be held in class on **October 13th**. 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 8th. The exam will cover material from lectures and required readings. This first examination will serve as a preview of the other examinations in this course and of the level of performance expected in the course.

### b. Second Examination- 20%

A second examination will be given in class on **November 10th**. The format will be very similar to the first exam. It will also consist of Fill-In-the-Blanks, Short Answers, and Essay Questions. The exam will be based on material covered since the first exam and will include material from lectures and required readings. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on November 5th.

### c. Media Assignment- 30%

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 19th**. Late assignments will be penalized. No assignments will be accepted after December 3rd.

### d. Final Examination- 30%

A final examination will be given during Final Examination Week, **December 14th- 21st**. The format will be the similar to the previous examinations, though the final 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 second exam. A review and exam preparation session will be held in class on December 10th.

## 6. Grading System

*(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)*

### 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>

<b>CW</b>	<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.
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**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](http://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 the College web site in the Policy Section.

[ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED](#)