



School of Arts & Science
Criminal Justice

CRIM 154
Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Winter 2016
(Section 001)

Instructor and Class Information:

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Course time / location: Monday 5:30 – 8:20pm, Young Building, Room #216

Course Description:

This course examines the Canadian criminal justice system, its components, process, objectives, and functionalities. It includes an analysis of discretion, diversion, decision-making processes and the operational practices of the system.

(<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/crim.html>)

Intended Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Outline the legislative basis, structure, and functions of the various components of the Canadian criminal justice system.
- Identify how each component of the criminal justice system interrelates with other components and with the larger society within which it operates.
- Track the process of an accused person through the critical decision making points of the Canadian criminal justice system.
- Identify and critically discuss contemporary issues affecting the structure and operations of the criminal justice system (e.g. youth justice, female offenders and Aboriginal justice).

Required Materials:

- Griffiths, C.T. (2015). **Canadian Criminal Justice; A Primer**. 5th Ed. Nelson
- The Writing Reference Manual for the Criminal Justice Program
- Canadian Criminal Code (Recommended)

Course Content and Schedule:

January 11 (Week One)	Introduction to course material Foundations of Criminal Justice (Chapter 1)
January 18 (Week Two)	The Structure and Process of the Criminal Justice System Crime, Victims and the Community (Chapter 2 & 3)
January 25 (Week Three)	The Structure and Roles of the Policing Police Powers and Decision Making (Chapter 4 & 5)
February 1 (Week Four)	Police Powers and Decision Making (continued) Police Strategies and Operations (Chapter 5 & 6)
February 8 (Week Five)	No Class – BC Family Day
February 15 (Week Six)	The Structure and Operation of Criminal Courts (Chapter 7)
February 22 (Week Seven)	Prosecution of Criminal Cases (Chapter 8)
February 29 (Week Eight)	Mid-Term Exam Criminal Sentencing (Chapter 9)
March 7 (Week Nine)	Court Report Due Corrections in the Community (Chapter 10)
March 14 (Week Ten)	Correctional Institutions (Chapter 11)
March 21 (Week Eleven)	Offender Release and Reintegration (Chapter 12)
March 28 (Week Twelve)	No Class – Easter Monday
April 4 (Week Thirteen)	Restorative Justice (Chapter 13)
April 11 (Week Fourteen)	Criminal Justice Process Report Due The Future of the Criminal Justice System & Course Review (Chapter 14)

Exams and Assignments:

- **Mid Term Exam – 30% February 29**
The mid-term exam format will be true/false, fill in the blank, multiple choice and short answer.
- **Final Exam – 30% During The Exam Period (Date TBD)**
The final exam format will be true/false, fill in the blank, multiple choice and short answer.
- **Court Report – 15% Due March 7**
You are required to attend and observe a criminal case in Provincial or Supreme Court at the Victoria Courts. Your written report will summarize the proceedings observed.
- **Criminal Justice Process Report – 20% Due April 11**
Working in pairs, you are required to apply the knowledge gained in this course by guiding a criminally accused person through the criminal justice process from the point of arrest to release from the correctional system.
- **Current Event Discussions – 5% Random Dates**
During randomly selected classes current criminal justice events will be discussed. Attendance is required to attain the marks for these discussions.

Grading System:

The following percentage conversion to letter grade and GPA will be used:

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. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
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.

Learning Support and Services:

There are a variety of services available to students to assist them through their learning. This information is available in the college calendar, at the registrar's office and on the college website. (camosun.ca)

Instructional Policies:

- **Late Penalty**

All late written work will be penalized 20% per day unless an extension is legitimately warranted and approved by the course instructor in advance of the assignment due date.

- **Written Assignment Requirements**

All assignments must be submitted by **11:30pm** on the due date. Assignments will be submitted electronically through the D2L course website.

Written assignments must the basic requirements as set out in the Criminal Justice Writing Reference Manual.

- **Plagiarism, Cheating and Academic Dishonesty**

If the course instructor can document plagiarism, cheating and/or academic dishonesty, the penalty will be an automatic “zero” on the assignment in question. Further disciplinary action may be taken as per Camosun College policy.

- **Course Withdrawal**

The last day to withdraw from this and other winter term courses without receiving a failing grade is March 14, 2016.

- **Mark/Grade Challenges and Appeals**

A student seeking to question a mark assigned by the course instructor on any course evaluation component, must clearly articulate in writing the specific element of the assignment being questioned and provide written reasons or arguments supporting a change in the mark. The Student Appeal Procedure is found in policy E 2.4.

- **Student Responsibility**

It is each student's responsibility to familiarize themselves with the course, program and College policies. Students experiencing difficulties during the term are encouraged to talk to the course instructor at the earliest opportunity.