

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: CRIM 135		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)																	
Course Full Title: Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions Course Short Title (if title exceeds 30 characters): Intro Cdn Law and Legal Inst																			
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences		Department (or program if no department): Criminology & Criminal Justice																	
Calendar Description: <p>This course introduces students to the Canadian legal system in preparation for law-related courses. It examines the origins and role of law, our system of courts, the legal profession, legal reasoning and statutory interpretation, and private and public substantive law.</p>																			
Prerequisites (or NONE):		None.																	
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):																			
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):																			
Equivalent Courses (cannot be taken for additional credit) Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>Note: Equivalent course(s) should be included in the calendar description by way of a note that students with credit for the equivalent course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.</i>		Transfer Credit Transfer credit already exists: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Transfer credit requested (OReg to submit to BCCAT): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if yes, fill in transfer credit form) Resubmit revised outline for articulation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No To find out how this course transfers, see bctransferguide.ca .																	
Total Hours: 45 Typical structure of instructional hours: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lecture hours</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seminars/tutorials/workshops</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laboratory hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Field experience hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online learning activities</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other contact hours:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </table>		Lecture hours	30	Seminars/tutorials/workshops	15	Laboratory hours		Field experience hours		Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)		Online learning activities		Other contact hours:		Total	45	Special Topics Will the course be offered with different topics? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, different lettered courses may be taken for credit: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, repeat(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, no limit <i>Note: The specific topic will be recorded when offered.</i>	
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		Maximum enrolment (for information only): 36 Expected frequency of course offerings (every semester, annually, every other year, etc.): Annually																	
Department / Program Head or Director: Amanda McCormick		Date approved: October 2017																	
Faculty Council approval		Date approved: November 3, 2017																	
Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)		Date of posting: February 9, 2018																	
Dean/Associate VP: Jacqueline Nolte		Date approved: November 3, 2017																	
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: February 23, 2018																	

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Articulate the purpose of law and sources of Canadian law, including the many historical, cultural, and other influences that have shaped Canadian law and legal institutions.
2. Discuss the nature of legal reasoning, including the doctrine of precedent and varying and competing principles of statutory interpretation.
3. Describe the basic building blocks of Canada's legal system, especially its constitutional framework and the system of Canadian courts.
4. Describe the roles and responsibilities of members of the legal profession.
5. Explain the fields of private (civil and family) law and public (administrative and criminal) law.
6. Discuss the process of law reform in Canada and the essentials of international law.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

☒ Yes ☐ No, PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because

Typical Instructional Methods (guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion)

Lectures, class discussion, group work, guest speakers.

Grading system: Letter Grades: ☒ Credit/No Credit: ☐ Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (if more space is required, download Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form)

Author (surname, initials)	Title (article, book, journal, etc.)	Current ed.	Publisher	Year
1. Boyd, N.	Canadian Law: An Introduction (sixth edition or more recent edition if available)	6	Nelson	2015
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Required Additional Supplies and Materials (software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)

n/a

Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting

Exam 1:	25%	Assignments:	25%	Exam 2:	25%	Practicum:	%
Quizzes/tests:	%	Lab work:	%	Field experience:	%	Shop work:	%
Applied/Critical Thinking Exercises or Case Law Analysis:	25%	Other:	%	Other:	%	Total:	100%

Details (if necessary):**Typical Course Content and Topics**

Week 1: Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions
 Week 2: The Role of Law
 Week 3: Sources of Law
 Week 4: Legal Interpretation
 Week 5: The Foundations of Canada's Legal System
 Week 6: The Legal Profession
 Week 7: Exam 1
 Week 8: Tort Law
 Week 9: Family Law
 Week 10: Administrative Law
 Week 11: Criminal Law
 Week 12: Law Reform & International Law
 Week 13: Course Wrap Up and Review for Final Exam