

## OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

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

<b>Course Code and Number:</b> CRIM 230		<b>Number of Credits:</b> 3 <a href="#">Course credit policy (105)</a>																	
<b>Course Full Title:</b> Criminal Law <b>Course Short Title (if title exceeds 30 characters):</b>																			
<b>Faculty:</b> Faculty of Social Sciences		<b>Department (or program if no department):</b> Criminology and Criminal Justice																	
<b>Calendar Description:</b> This course investigates the nature, purpose, scope, sources, and basic principles of criminal law within its historical and contemporary contexts. The evolution of such legal concepts as guilt, criminal responsibility, and due process of law is also studied.																			
<b>Prerequisites (or NONE):</b>		NONE																	
<b>Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):</b>		NONE																	
<b>Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):</b>		NONE																	
<b>Equivalent Courses (cannot be taken for additional credit)</b> 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>		<b>Transfer Credit</b> 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 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 <a href="http://bctransferguide.ca">bctransferguide.ca</a> .																	
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		<b>Maximum enrolment (for information only):</b> 36 <b>Expected frequency of course offerings (every semester, annually, every other year, etc.):</b> Annually																	
<b>Department / Program Head or Director:</b> Amanda McCormick		<b>Date approved:</b> November 3, 2017																	
<b>Faculty Council approval</b>		<b>Date of posting:</b> n/a																	
<b>Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)</b>		<b>Date approved:</b> November 3, 2017																	
<b>Dean/Associate VP:</b> Jacqueline Nolte		<b>Date of meeting:</b> February 23, 2018																	
<b>Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval</b>		<b>Date approved:</b> November 3, 2017																	

**Learning Outcomes**

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

1. Explain the structure of Canadian criminal law and the Canadian court system.
2. Discuss the basic principles of criminal law.
3. Apply criminal law to specific fact patterns.
4. Identify the elements of a criminal offence.
5. Explain the concept of criminal responsibility.
6. Discuss common defenses to criminal charges.

**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

**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. Verdun-Jones, S.	Criminal Law in Canada: Cases, Questions & the Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Harcourt Brace Jovanovich	2014
2.	Pocket Criminal Code	<input type="checkbox"/>		2015
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Required Additional Supplies and Materials (software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)****Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting**

Final exam:	30%	Assignments:	30%	Midterm exam:	30%	Practicum:	%
Quizzes/tests:	%	Lab work:	%	Field experience:	%	Shop work:	%
Other: Participation	10%	Other:	%	Other:	%	Total:	100%

**Details (if necessary):**

**Typical Course Content and Topics**

Week 1: Overview of course and introductory lecture  
 Week 2: The Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the court structure in Canada  
 Week 3: Introduction to the Canadian Criminal Code  
 Week 4: The actus reus of a criminal offense  
 Week 5: The principle of causation  
 Week 6: Midterm exam  
 Week 7: The mens rea of a criminal offense  
 Week 8: Mens rea continued  
 Week 9: Modes of participation in crime  
 Week 10: Mental disorder as a defence  
 Week 11: Defenses to a criminal charge  
 Week 12: Defenses to a criminal charge continued  
 Week 13: Other statutes relevant to criminal law; course review