DCC3102 - Criminal Law
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Course description: This course is built to provide student with practical knowledge of criminal law. Classes will cover topics such as police duties, the role of the Crown attorney and defense attorney, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Sentencing options and general functioning of the criminal justice system.

Teaching method: Teaching is done through lectures as well as the application of knowledge to problems that are solved in class.

Method of evaluation: A midterm exam (non prejudicial) constituting 30% of the final mark and a final exam constituting the remaining 70%. The exams will be open book. All mandatory course material and an annotated Criminal Code will be permitted. All mandatory course materials and readings required and covered in class as well as any issue covered in class may be part of the exam. The exam will be written. Students may answer the exam questions in English or French.

Mandatory course materials:

- An up-to-date copy of the Criminal Code (annotated or not). Annotated versions will differ in their jurisprudential content. Please note that one copy only will be allowed during examination periods.

- Required Readings are indicated on the Course Plan, which includes mainly decisions from the Supreme Court of Canada. Required readings are indicated with a * in the Course Plan. Links are provided in the Course Plan in order to reduce the amount of printing. Recent Supreme Court of Canada or recent relevant court decisions of other courts will be added to the list of required readings during the semester. Some decisions currently on the list of required readings may be removed as other more recent decisions are added, if necessary.

- Other materials may be added during the course of the semester. The list of cases to read during the semester will be updated periodically during the course of the semester. Students will be notified of changes in a timely manner.

Optional materials:

- Henry Waldock, Common Canadian Criminal Code offences and procedures 2020-2021, Carswell
- Other material may be suggested during the semester

Note: The Course Plan may be amendedUPDATED during the course of the semester.