

Justice Institute of British Columbia COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code: LESD102
Course Title: Introduction to Canadian Criminal Law
Prerequisite Courses:

Sponsoring Division:
Previous Course Code & Title:
Course Effective Date:

# of Credits:	3
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Course Description:

This course focuses on the principles, nature, purpose and sources of Canadian criminal law, and the practical application of the law in a law enforcement environment. Learners will examine categories of crime, elements of offences required for conviction, and defenses available to accused. They will also explore criminal court processes and procedures and the Charter of Rights. The course will conclude with a critical examination of current issues in Canadian criminal law.

Course Goal(s):

The goals of this course are to:

1. familiarize learners with the terms, principles, nature, purpose and sources of Canadian criminal law
2. build learner's critical thinking and analysis skills through assessment of the impacts and implications of criminal law on society and on their operations as law enforcement officers,
3. develop learner's abilities to identify, locate, and apply criminal laws in a law enforcement context
4. prepare learners to assess situations and make sound decisions within the limits of the law.

Course Learning Objectives:

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

- describe in general terms the principles, nature, purpose, scope, and sources of Canadian criminal law
- utilize appropriate terminology in discussing criminal legislation, process and procedure

- define actus reus, mens rea, and criminal responsibility
- correctly locate and apply legislation to effect arrests, searches, and seizures
- describe the impact and implication the Charter of Rights has for society and law enforcement officers
- categorize crimes and describe the elements of an offence required for conviction
- describe in general terms legal defenses available to accuseds
- analyze the potential impact of legislation and law enforcement actions
- explain the criminal court process

Course Topics/Content:

- Basic Principles, Nature, Purpose, Scope and Sources of Criminal Law
- Role of Criminal Law in Society
- Criminal Law Concepts: actus reus, mens rea, criminal responsibility and legal defenses available to accused
- Locating and Applying Criminal Legislation
- What Constitutes a Crime? Elements of Offences Required for Conviction
- Powers of Arrest, Search and Seizure
- The Use of Force
- Impacts and Implications of the Canadian Charter of Rights
- The Criminal Court Process
- Emotional Issues in Canadian Criminal Law

Text and Resource Materials: Use APA style; specify chapters where applicable.

Barnhorst, Richard and Barnhost, Sherrie. (2009). *Criminal Law and the Canadian Criminal Code*. Toronto, Ontario: McGraw-Hill Ryerson Higher Education.

Tremear, W.J. and Furest, Michelle, and Watt, David. (2011). *Criminal Code*. Toronto, Ontario: Thomson Carswell.

Required:

Recommended:

Course Level:

x	First Year		Second Year		Third Year		Fourth Year
	Other (describe):						

Equivalent Course(s) within the JIBC:

Class Delivery Methods:

Some courses are delivered using a range of methods within one class (course section) or alternative methods in different classes. Please outline the most common delivery options used for this course. The total class hours should be the same for each option.

Delivery Methods	Class Option A (Hours)	Class Option B (Hours)	Class Option C (Hours)	Class Option D (Hours)
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Classroom/Lecture/Discussion	42			
Simulation/Lab				
Practicum/Fieldwork				
Online				
Correspondence				
Total Class Hours	42			

Comments on Delivery Methods:

Related Program(s): (where applicable)

Credit Transfer exists at: (List Institutions with official transfer agreements and name equivalent courses)

Course Grading System:

Check the system that applies to this course:

x	Letter Grades		Percentage		Pass/Fail		Credit/No Credit
	Complete/Incomplete		Attendance Only		Not Applicable		

Passing Grade:	D
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JIBC Standard Grading Scale for Letter, Grade Point and % Grades:

Letter Grade	Grade Points	% Range	Letter Grade	Grade Points	% Range
A+	4.33	90-100	C+	2.33	64-67
A	4.00	85-89	C	2.00	60-63
A-	3.67	80-84			
B+	3.33	76-79	C-	1.67	56-59
B	3.00	72-75	D	1.00	50-55
B-	2.67	68-71	F	0.00	0-49

Evaluation Activities and Weighing: (complete the %'s which apply – total must equal 100%)

Final Exam	30 %	Assignments (2)	20 %	Project	20 %	Capstone Project	%
Midterm Exam	30%	Portfolio	%	Participation	%	Other	%
Quiz/Test	%	Simulations	%	Practicum	%	TOTAL	100%

Comments on Evaluation:

Other Course Guidelines, Procedures and Comments:

View the Justice Institute of BC Policies listed below at:

<http://www.jibc.ca/about-jibc/governance/policies>

Access Policy
Harassment Policy
Research on Human Subjects: Ethics
Student Code of Conduct

Academic Appeals Policy
Intellectual Property Rights Policy
Student Records