

YOUNG OFFENDERS

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CCW 600-3

Course Title

Course No.

Instructor: Ben Baldassarro

NATURE OF COURSE

This course will provide a practical orientation to the legislation regarding Young Persons in conflict with the law, i.e. the Young Offender's Act (Y.O.A.) and to a lesser degree, the Child and Family Services Act (C.F.S.A.).

The course will outline the service delivery system for Young Offenders covering both the community (Probation) and custodial aspects. Finally, the course will explain theories of causation of delinquency and review effective rehabilitative programs for delinquents.

COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Provide a basic working knowledge of the legislation pertaining to Young Offenders in Ontario.
2. Review the components of the service delivery system to Young Offenders, including the Court, Probation, and Residential Services.
3. Provide an understanding of the role of the Probation Officer and his/her case management responsibilities.
4. Review causal factors regarding delinquency and discuss effective programs for delinquents.

REQUIRED STUDENT RESOURCES

"Pocket Criminal Code, 1989". Carswell Company Ltd., Toronto.

METHODOLOGY

The course will be taught through a combination of lectures, guest speakers, group discussion, and audio-visual presentations. If possible, a field visit to Youth Court will also be arranged.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Eighty percent (80%) attendance is compulsory to pass this course.
2. To complete assigned reading/research and be prepared to discuss this material in class.
3. Participate actively and fully in class discussion.
4. Complete two in-class tests on material covered.
5. Complete one (1) term paper (typed). Choice of topics will be provided by the instructor. Other topics of particular interest to the student to be discussed with instructor beforehand. Sources must be documented according to usual format.
6. Students will present a one-half hour in-class seminar on term paper.

STUDENT EVALUATION METHOD

1. Attendance and Participation	15%
2. In-Class Test #1	20%
3. Term Paper	20%
4. Seminar/Term Paper	15%
5. In-Class Test #2	<u>30%</u>
TOTAL	100%

- ** Tests will be 1 1/2 - 2 hours in duration. Test #2 will cover all of the course work.

Each paper is a minimum of 1,500 words or about six (6) typed pages.

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SUGGESTED READINGS

Gibbons, Don C., The Criminological Enterprise, Theories and Perspectives, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall Inc., 1979.

McLazen, P., Cries from the Corridor, Methuen, Toronto, 1980.

McGrath, W. L., (editor), Crime and Its Treatment in Canada, 2nd Edition, MacMillan Company of Canada Ltd., Toronto, 1976.

Bala, N. and Lilles, H., The Young Offenders Act Annotated, 1982.

Silverman, R. A. and Leevan, J. J. Jr. (editors), Crime in Canadian Society, 2nd Edition, Butterworth and Co. (Canada) Ltd., Toronto, 1980.

Hagan, John, The Disreputable Pleasures, Crime and Deviance in Canada, 2nd Edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Ltd., Toronto, 1984.

Barollas, Clement, Juvenile Delinquency, John Wiley & Sons Inc., Toronto, 1985.

Haskell, Martin R. and Lewis Yablonsky, Juvenile Delinquency, Houghton Mifflin C., Boston, MA, 1982.

Morash, Merry and Robert C. Trojanowicz, Juvenile Delinquency: Concepts and Control, 3rd Edition, Prentice-Hall Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 1983.