

**SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

**SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO**



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**COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE TITLE:** Canadian Criminal Justice

**CODE NO. :** PFP 101 **SEMESTER:** I

**PROGRAM:** Police Foundations  
Protection, Security and Investigation

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**TOTAL CREDITS:** 3

**PREREQUISITE(S):** none

**HOURS/WEEK:** 3

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**I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will provide a historical perspective of the Canadian Criminal Justice System. It will introduce, to the students, the structures, the components, the institutions and the various individuals involved with the administration of justice in Canada. The course will also examine some of the legal issues, which have arisen, which affect the operation of the Criminal Justice System.

**II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to:

**1. Give an overview of the Canadian Criminal justice System**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Identify the major agencies of the Canadian Criminal justice System
- Discuss the costs of operating each component and the system
- discuss how each component operates by itself and in concert with a system
- Describe the crime funnel
- Define terms introduced by the instructor

**2. Describe the basic concepts of Criminal Law**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the process that criminal laws in Canada are established
- Describe the categories of offences
- Describe the categories of substantive and procedural law
- Describe the concepts of mens rea and actus reus
- Describe the applicable sections of the Canadian Charter of rights on Criminal law

**3. Describe the various model of Criminal Justice**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- discuss the differences and similarities of the four models
- Describe the models in relationship to sanctions and operation of the justice system

**4. Describe Police operations in Canada**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- describe the various types of police agencies
- discuss two measures used to estimate the size of police force
- describe the traditional organizational structure of a police force
- Discuss the changing composition of police forces in Canada
- Discuss the incidence of police misconduct and methods used to control misconduct

**5. Describe the Courts and Trial Procedures used in Canada**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Discuss the operation of the different levels of courts
- Describe the role of defence lawyer, Crown Attorney and judge
- Discuss the concept of impartiality in the court system
- Discuss the role of plea bargaining

**6. Describe the Sentencing Process used in Canada**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the goals of sentencing
- Outline the various sentencing option
- Discuss the disparity in sentencing
- Discuss the changes to sentences in Canada
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**7. Describe contemporary Corrections in Canada**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Outline the Correctional system in Canada
- Describe the adult correctional population
- Describe the legal rights of offenders
- Describe the effects of incarceration
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**8. Describe community based corrections in Canada**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Describe the various community programs in Canada
- Describe the meaning of recidivism
- Discuss the relationship between recidivism and the demographics of selected offender groups
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**9. Discuss current issues in Corrections**Potential Elements of the Performance:

- Outline the format of intermediate sentences
- Discuss the effectiveness of intermediate sentences
- Discuss the effectiveness of deterrence based programs

**III. TOPICS:**

1. Overview of the Criminal Justice System in Canada
2. Basic concepts of Criminal Law
3. Models of Criminal Justice
4. Police Operations in Canada
5. Issues in Policing
6. Courts and Trial Procedures in Canada
7. The sentencing process in Canada
8. Contemporary Corrections in Canada
9. Community based Corrections
10. Issues in Corrections

**IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:**

Criminal Justice in Canada, 5th Edition, Colin Goff, ITP Nelson  
Notes/Handouts on Student Data Files, College computers

**V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:**

Chapter tests (4 X 25 marks) 100 marks

The following semester grades will be assigned to students.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Grade Point Equivalent</u>
A+	90 - 100%	4.00
A	80 - 89%	4.00
B	70 - 79%	3.00
C	60 - 69%	2.00
D	50 - 59%	1.00
F	59% or below	0.00
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field placement or non-graded subject areas.	
X	A temporary grade. This is used in limited situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course (see <i>Policies &amp; Procedures Manual – Deferred Grades and Make-up</i> ).	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office. This is used to facilitate transcript preparation when, for extenuating circumstances, it has not been possible for the faculty member to report grades.	

**VI. SPECIAL NOTES:**

**Re-writes of test and exams are not permitted.**

**All assignments must be typed, double spaced, with a cover page**

**Failure to notify the professor of test/exam absence will result in a "0" being assigned.**

**Late assignments will not be accepted for marking without a valid medical note.**

**Chapter Tests (4 X 20 marks)**

Test #1 - Learning Objectives 1 and 2 (Chapters 1 and 2)

Test #2 - Learning Objectives 3 and 4 (Chapters 3, 5 and 6)

Test #3 - Learning Objectives 5 and 6 (Chapters 7, 8 and 9)

Test #4 - Learning Objectives 7, 8 and 9 (Chapters 10, 11 and 12)

**NOTE:** Several or more chapters will be assigned as home study. Students will be notified during the course which chapters will be assigned.

This course requires a grade of C or better to be credited for graduation.

Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

It is the departmental policy that once the classroom door has been closed, the learning process has begun. Late arrivers will not be granted admission to the room.

**VII. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:**

The provisions contained in the addendum located on the portal form part of this course outline.