

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS & TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

**COURSE OUTLINE**

Course Title: CANADIAN COURTS

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Code No.: LAS 205

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Program: LAW & SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course is designed to provide those students enrolled in the Law and Security Administration Program with the fundamental concepts associated with the procedural aspect of Criminal Law. The focus will be on a wide range of topics including:

- a) arrest/detention
- b) pretrial release
- c) mode of trial
- d) sentencing
- e) appeal procedure

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To understand the concept of arrest as a legal removal of a person's constitutional rights.
- 2. To understand the different levels of trial and appellate courts in the Canadian legal system and their functions/methods.
- 3. To understand the procedural restrictions placed on various people operating within the confines of the Canadian legal system (policy, lawyers, judges, and accused.)
- 4. To demonstrate the process by which judicial sanctions are brought to bear on a convicted offender in an attempt to control his/her behaviour.

### **SYLLABUS**

- 1. Development of Criminal law in Canada
- 2. Definition of Crime
- 3. Purpose of Criminal Law
- 4. Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction in Ontario
- 5. Classification of Criminal Offences
- 6. Jurisdiction of Courts to try Criminal Offences/Mid-Term Test
- 7. Arrest

#### **BREAK WEEK**

- 8. Detention or Release after Arrest
- 9. Trials: Summary Conviction Offences  
Indictable Offences
- 10. Adversary Process:
  - function of trial Judge
  - function of Crown Attorney/Federal Prosecutor
  - function of Defence Counsel
  - function of police officer as witness
- 11. Defences at Trial
- 12. Sentencing
- 13. Charter of Rights in Criminal Law
- 14. Appeals of Conviction and/or Sentence
- 15. Final Exam

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**EVALUATION**

Mid-Term Test	20%
Final Test	40%
Three Opinion Papers (10 marks each)	30%
- Detention or Release	
- Trials	
- Sentencing	10%
Class Quiz	

**GRADING**

A+ = 90-100%
A = 80- 89%
B = 70- 79%
C = 60- 69%
R = Below 60% (repeat course)

**RESOURCES**

The Pocket Criminal Code