



# COURSE DESCRIPTION - FACULTY OF LAW

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**COURSE NUMBER:** LAW 592:X01      **COURSE NAME:** ADVANCED CRIMINAL LAW

**PREREQUISITE COURSES:** CRIMINAL LAW

**PREREQUISITE FOR:**

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**CREDITS:** 3      **HOURS PER TERM:** 3      **TERM:** 1<sup>st</sup>      **MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:** 30

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**PROFESSORS:** BRIAN BERESH

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION:**      LECTURE **XX**      SEMINAR **XX**      OTHER

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## **METHOD OF EVALUATION:**

The **primary** method of evaluation in this course is a paper worth 75% of the Grade.

The remainder of the grade in the course will be made up of:

class participation worth 25%

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course builds upon the student's knowledge gleaned from first year criminal law and constitutional law courses. It's focus is an in-depth examination of criminal law defences including self-defence, intoxication, mental disorder, automatism, provocation, necessity, duress, defence of property, entrapment, accident, mistake of fact (law) and consent. It explores the distinctions between true criminal law defences, exemptions, justifications and excuses. The course also covers the law relating to parties to an offence, which includes an examination of s.21 of the *Criminal Code*, the law relating to aiding and abetting, counselling a crime, conspiracy and accessories after the fact. Throughout the course, the distinct effect of the *Charter of Rights* on defences and parties in the criminal justice system will be considered.

This course encourages discussion about the present state of the law, its successes, failures and attempts to improve and adjust to the changing mores and values of modern society with the hope that justice can be attained in every case.

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## **\*SPECIAL COMMENTS:**

**EVENING CLASS:**

**SPECIAL ATTENDANCE:**

**OTHER:**

**REQUIRED TEXTS (IF ANY):**