

CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

College

INSTRUCTIONAL Date: **SEPTEMBER 1988** A: Division: _____
 Division: **XC** B: Department/Program: _____ New Course: Revisions: _____
 Revisions: _____ C: _____

Date Last Revised: **JANUARY 1987**

CRIM-160 D: **THE CANADIAN LEGAL SYSTEM** E: **3** C: _____
 Subject: _____ Description: _____ Semester Credits: _____

F: Course Description: This course focuses on the history, development, and present functioning of the Canadian legal system. It includes a study of the government, court systems, law, criminal law, contract law, tort law, administrative law, the court system, the functions of judges and lawyers and the basic elements of legal reasoning.

G: Allocation of Contact Hours in Types of Instruction/Learning Settings: _____
H: Course Prerequisites: _____
I: Primary Methods of Instructional Delivery and/or Learning Settings: _____

L: Course Corequisites: _____
NONE

M: Course for which this course is a prerequisite: _____
NONE

K: Maximum Class Size: _____

Number of Contact Hours: (per week / semester for each descriptor)
Lecture: 4 Hrs.
Number of Weeks per Semester: 14 Weeks

L: PLEASE INDICATE
 New Course
 College Credit Non-Transfer
 Code Change
 Other

SYSTEM

Subject and Course Number

Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the course, the successful student will be able to:

At the conclusion

the major philosophies of law

1. Define

2. Identify how the legal system derives its authority and legitimacy.

3. Describe the historical development of Canadian law.

judges and lawyers.

4. Discuss the Canadian Constitution, Canadian legal institutions and the role of judges.

5. Describe how law is made and changed.

6. Describe administrative law, tort law, and contract law.

7. Conduct legal research.

8. Discuss the basic elements of legal reasoning.

N: Course Content

The Nature of Law

▶ Why we have laws, legal philosophy

Introduction to the Legal System

and statutes, the court structures

▶ Main divisions of law; how to read and cite cases

Sources of Law

Historical process

British Legal Tradition

the Canadian acceptance of this tradition, the basis of our constitutional system, the rule of law,

constitution

the Co



