

M: Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the experience of the mentally disordered offender in the criminal justice system in terms of the official state structure and process imposed on the offender.
2. Describe the historical management of the mentally disordered offender and become demonstrably knowledgeable with regard to the major mental disorders, and also with the possible associated criminogenic factors.
3. Identify and describe the various professional disciplines at work in the Canadian Criminal Justice System and Forensic Psychiatric System.
4. Describe the criminal process and procedures in place to detain and treat the criminally accused mentally ill person.
5. Explain the legal concept of “the protection of the public” in so far as risks posed by the mentally ill offender.
6. Identify and describe the current legal issues in mental health law.
7. Compare and contrast the legal standards for the “defence of insanity” between different jurisdictions, for example, Canada and the United States.
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O: Methods of Instruction

Lecture (primary mode of instruction)
In-library Quicklaw Lab
Small group discussions re case law
Video materials, Web based resources
Research paper
Field trip

P: Textbooks and Materials to