POLS*4050 (02)/POLS*6200 (02)
ADVANCED TOPICS IN LAW AND POLITICS:
SENTENCING AND PENAL POLICY

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
The sentencing of the criminally accused is one of the most scrutinized, but least understood aspects
of the criminal justice system. Beyond simply punishing an offender for committing a criminal offence,
sentencing brings together public policy choices set by elected officials, the discretion of judges, Charter
protected legal rights, public perception and scrutiny by the media. This course will consider these
themes along with the related issues of bail, parole, and penal law. Sentencing theory, current practices
and trends in sentencing policy will also be considered. The central focus of this course will be Canada,
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