

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**077:251 L01
CRIMINOLOGY
(3 cr hrs)**

**May 5 to 28, 2003
M/T/W/TH/F 8:30-10:30 a.m.
215 Tier**

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Linden, Rick Criminology: A Canadian Perspective. 4th
edition. Toronto: Holt, Rinehart and Winston,
1996

Peikoff, Tannis Boundaries: Readings for 77:251
Criminology: Pearson Custom
Publishing, 2002.

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be based on the following:

Test 1	May 12	25%
Test 2	May 20	30%
Test 3:	May 28	20%
Group work:		20%
Peer evaluation:		5%

Tests are not cumulative. Students are responsible for all assigned readings, lecture material, class discussions and video presentations. The tests will consist of multiple choice and/or essay questions.

Voluntary withdrawal deadline date is May 22, 2003.

GRADES

The following letter/percentage scale will be used:

A+	= 91-100 %	C+	= 70-74%
A	= 85-90 %	C	= 60-69%
B+	= 80-84 %	D	= 50-59%
B	= 75-79 %	F	= 49% or less

Students should note that these are guidelines only, and that different percentage cut-offs may be used, depending on the final grade distribution.

The following policies regarding grading of tests are in effect:

- 1) Under no circumstances will early tests be given.
- 2) Make-up tests will be allowed if there is a legitimate reason (i.e., illness) for your absence. In the case of illness, a note from your doctor is required. The make up test may vary in form. You must notify me within a week after the missed test of your wish to write a make-up. Failure to do so will result in a grade of F for the missed test. Messages can be left with the Department of Sociology office (474-9260). Students with special needs should introduce themselves to the instructor at the beginning of term in order to arrange suitable testing arrangements.

GROUP WORK

You will be divided into groups which will remain the same for the remainder of the course. You will be given a question or questions which your group will discuss and provide a written answer in the form of a 'mini-essay'. One person in the group will be responsible for recording the answer and presenting it to the class. The person responsible for recording the group's answer will rotate each time there is group work. Students must sign in each session. You will be allowed to miss one session without penalty. Students who are absent for subsequent essays will receive a grade of zero for that day's work. All students in each group will be given the same grade for each answer. In the last group session you will be asked to assess the performance of the other members in your group. This assessment will be worth 5% of your final grade.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students should acquaint themselves with the University of Manitoba's policy on 'Examination: Personations' (p.27) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p.28) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

DISRUPTIONS

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are distracting to the class. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others. Students should be aware that any persistent disruption may result in disbarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

The university acknowledges the right of all students to observe recognized Holy Days of their faith which fall within the academic year. The instructor should be notified in writing of a student's intended absence in advance, and at least three weeks notice should normally be given where special arrangements are sought.

Students with special learning needs should identify themselves to the instructor at the beginning of the term.

COURSE OUTLINE

PART 1 CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY

This section has two parts which provide you with some of the background to the field of criminology. The first part looks at the criminal law which defines the behaviours that criminologists study. The second looks at the origins of criminal law and considers why we have the kinds of laws we do.

1. ELEMENTS OF CRIMINAL LAW

READINGS:

Linden, Chapter 2

ON RESERVE AT DAFOE LIBRARY:

Silverman and Kennedy "Battered Wife Defense"

2. ORIGINS OF CRIMINAL LAW

READINGS:

Linden, Chapter 1

READER:

_____ Chambliss "Law of Vagrancy"

PART 2: EXPLAINING CRIME

This is the longest of the three sections and is the most important part of the course. The first section looks at how we measure crime. The second deals which correlates of crime, particularly age, race, and sex. The third sets out a number of theoretical perspectives which have attempted to explain criminality.

1. CRIME STATISTICS

READINGS:

Linden, Chapter 3

2. CORRELATES OF CRIME_____

READINGS:

Linden, Chapters 4,5

READER:

Sampson and Wilson, "Toward a Theory of Race, Crime, and Urban Inequality"

Chesney-Lind, "Trends in Women's Crime"

3. EXPLAINING CRIME

READINGS:

Linden, Chapters 6,7,8,9,10,11,12.

READER:

Reiman: "The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison"

Sykes and Matza: "Techniques of Neutralization"

Chambliss: "The Saints and the Roughnecks"

Stark: "Deviant Places"

PART 3: PATTERNS OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

In this section you will learn about street crimes, organized crime, and white collar and corporate crime.

READINGS:

Linden, Chapters 13, 14, 15.

READER:

Cromwell et al: "The Rational and Opportunistic Burglar"

ON RESERVE AT DAFOE LIBRARY:

Hersh "The Wild East"