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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS
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REQUIRED TEXT

Colin Goff: Criminal Justice in Canada. 3rd edition.

Additional reserve readings will be assigned.

EVALUATION will consist of 2 mid-term examinations and a final examination each worth 25% of the final grade. Mid-term exams will be held on February 9 and March 15. The final examination will be held during the scheduled examination period. Grades are assigned as follows:

90%+	A+	70%	C+
85%	A	60%	C
80%	B+	50%	D
75%	B	Below 50%	F

An additional 25% of the final grade will be based on performance in group discussions as noted in the next section of this outline.

Tests are not cumulative. Students are responsible for both the lecture material and all assigned readings. Tests will consist of multiple choice and essay questions.

Students who miss a mid-term will be required to have a valid excuse such as a medical certificate before writing a make-up examination. Make-up tests will be essay format. Final examination regulations are found on pages 26-28 of the 2003/2004 Undergraduate Calendar. Failure to write one of the term tests or the final examinations will result in a mark of zero for that part of the grade.

Senate Policy #1307 requires a “post-examination review of final grades in multi-sectioned courses that will ensure an equitable correspondence between grades and level of performance in all sections.” Accordingly, the final grade distribution in this course may be raised or lowered to achieve such equity and, therefore, your final grade may be changed.

DISCUSSION GROUP PAPERS

The class will be divided into groups of four or five students. Your assigned group will remain the same throughout the course. Each group will be given one or two questions which your group will discuss and provide a written answer. The material to assist you in developing your answer will come from the required reading and the lectures. One person in the group will record the answer and submit it to the instructor at the end of the class. The person responsible for recording the group's answer will change each session. It will be the responsibility of the recording person to mark down which individuals are present for that week's assignment.

For each assignment, all students in the group will be given the same mark. This component of the course is worth 20% of your final mark and will be based on the best 4 marks out of the 5 assignments. If you miss a week, you will be given zero for that week's assignment. All members of the group are expected to participate in the development of the answer for the assignment. An additional 5% will be assigned based on peer evaluation of your participation by other members of your group.

PEER EVALUATION

In the last week of the course you will be asked to assess the performance of the other members of the group. This assessment will be used in determining each individual student's contribution to the group writing assignments.

DATES OF DISCUSSION GROUPS

January 16, February 2, February 27, March 12, March 31

COURT OBSERVATION

Students will also be required to observe a portion of a trial or hearing at the Law Courts Building (408 York - across Broadway from the Legislature) and turn in a brief report on this experience. The report will not be graded, but 5% will be deducted from your final mark if you fail to turn it in by March 30.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students should be familiar with the University's policy on 'Examinations: Personations (p.28) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p.29) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To familiarize students with the operation of the criminal justice system from a sociological perspective

OUTLINE OF TOPICS

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

The Police

The Courts

The Correctional System