

Preliminary - Subject to change

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY 077.378 SECTION L01
COMPARATIVE CRIMINOLOGY**

**COURSE OUTLINE
FALL 2003
3 credit hours**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to engage advanced undergraduate students in the cross-cultural study of crime and criminal justice. This includes an examination of the meaning of crime from a comparative perspective and the study of the organization and function of different types of criminal justice and dispute-settlement systems. Substantive areas of comparison will include legal traditions and systems, policing, courts, corrections and punishment, juvenile justice and popular culture representations of crime and the criminal justice system. The objective of this course is to enable students to develop a more detailed historical and cross-cultural understanding of the meaning of crime and the operation of different criminal justice and dispute-settlement systems

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

The course will consist of lectures and discussions on topics in the assigned readings. A detailed syllabus of weekly assigned readings and topics will be provided at the start of classes. Students are expected to complete all the required readings, and come to class prepared to engage in discussions of the topics covered. They will also be expected to participate actively in group discussions with other students in the class who have been assigned to their research project working group.

The course evaluation will consist of two in-class tests, a group project, a peer evaluation of group project work, and a cumulative final exam. Provided below is a breakdown of the value of each of the course requirements and related due dates:

Test 1 (Oct. 3)	20%
Test 2 (Nov. 7)	20%
Group Research Project & Presentation	25%
Peer Evaluation of Group Project Work	5%
Cumulative Final Exam	30%

The following grade distribution will be used in the evaluation of the students' work:

A+	=	95-100%	C+	=	65-69%
A	=	85-94%	C	=	60-64%
B+	=	80-84%	D	=	50-59%
B	=	70-79%	F	=	0-49%

REQUIRED READING

Reichel, Philip L. *Comparative Criminal Justice Systems: A Topical Approach*, 3rd Edition. (Prentice Hall, 2002)

Additional readings will be placed on reserve as needed.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Cheating of any kind is strictly prohibited. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Examinations: Personations'(p.28) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p.29) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

DISRUPTIONS

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting in large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption will result in debarment from the course. If you have a legitimate reason for leaving the room early, please inform your instructor at the beginning of the class.

WITHDRAWAL

Last day for voluntary withdrawal from this course without academic penalty is **November 12, 2003.**

MISSED EXAMS

If a test is missed for legitimate medical reasons the student must contact the instructor, present their medical certificate, and arrange for a make-up assignment. Failure to contact the instructor in a timely manner and present proper medical documentation will result in ineligibility for a make-up assignment and a mark of zero for that test.

MISSED PRESENTATIONS

One of the requirements of the course is an in-class group presentation worth 5% of your grade. Although only one group member will be presenting on behalf of his or her group, all group members must be present for the group presentation, unless they have a legitimate documented medical reason for not attending. Failure to attend the group presentation will result in a mark of zero, unless prior alternative arrangements have been made with the instructor.

COURSE TOPICS AND READINGS

Below is a tentative schedule of weekly readings and topics, subject to revision and change.

1. Introduction to a Comparative Approach

Chapters 1 & 2

2. Theories, Methods and Methodological Issues

Chapter 2 & Reserved Readings

3. A Comparative Perspective on the Nature of Crime

Reserved Readings

4-5 Legal Traditions/Models of Law

Chapters 3, 4 and 5

6. Policing

Chapter 6

7. Courts

Chapter 7

8. Corrections and Punishment

Chapter 8

9. Juvenile Justice

Chapter 9

10. Popular Culture & Crime

Reserved Readings

11. Japan: A Case Study

Chapter 10

12. Transnational Crime Types

Reserved Readings

13. Group project presentations

Group project written reports are due at this time.