

*****Preliminary/Short Course Outline - Subject to change*****

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOCIOLOGY 077.378 L02
COMPARATIVE CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**COURSE OUTLINE
WINTER 2004
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 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 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 be based on three in-class tests, a group project, a peer evaluation of group project work, and participation. Provided below is a breakdown of the value of each of the course requirements. Due dates provided below are

TENTATIVE only and subject to change without notice. Details and final due dates will be provided at the start of classes.

Test 1	20%	Tentative Date: Jan. 30
Test 2	20%	Tentative Date: Mar. 5
Group Research Projects & Presentations	25%	Tentative Dates: Mar. 29 - Apr. 5
Peer Evaluation of Group Project Work	5%	Tentative Date: Apr. 5
Participation	10%	N.A.
Test 3	20%	Tentative Date: Apr. 7

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

A+	=	91-100%	C+	=	65-69%
A	=	85-90%	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 **March 17, 2004**.

MISSED TESTS

If a test is missed for legitimate medical reasons the student must contact the instructor prior to the test, 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 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.

DUE DATES

All due dates specified in the detailed syllabus distributed at the start of classes are final. Assignments and tests must be completed on the specified dates unless arrangements are made in advance with the instructor. Late submissions will not be accepted. Documentation must be provided before any alternate arrangements will be considered. Normally, documentation consists of a letter from a doctor or a copy of a death certificate.

STUDENT USE OF E-MAIL

Please do not send e-mail enquiries unless I can respond quickly in a sentence or two. I will not repeat a lecture by e-mail or compose an essay. I will not e-mail students lecture notes or PowerPoint presentations. I promise to respond to e-mails within one week of their receipt. For a faster response, please see me during my regular office hours or by appointment.

E-mailed assignments are not accepted. If you e-mail me an attachment of any sort, I will delete it without opening it.

All students are entitled to a University of Manitoba e-mail account. I will not be responsible for e-mails sent from any other service provider. Hotmail accounts are particularly bad. Often e-mails or replies sent to this service 'bounce back' undelivered. If you chose to use an external e-mail provider, you do so at your own risk. I will not resend messages that 'bounce back.'

The following is a list of TENTATIVE topics to be covered. This list is subject to revision and change without notice:

- 1) Introduction to the Comparative Method
- 2) The Comparative Perspective: Theories and Methods Part I
- 3) The Comparative Perspective: Theories and Methods Part II
- 4) The Law in International Perspective Part I: Introduction
- 5) The Law in International Perspective Part II: Legal Traditions
- 6) The Law in International Perspective Part III: Substantive & Procedural Law
- 7) Law Enforcement and Social Control in Comparative Perspective
- 8) The Judiciary in Comparative Perspective
- 9) Corrections and Punishment in Comparative Perspective
- 10) Juvenile Justice in Comparative Perspective
- 11) Transnational Crime
- 12) International Terrorism
- 13) Japan as a Comparative Case Study
- 14) Popular Culture and the Criminal Justice System in International Perspective