

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**077:383, L01
YOUTH, CRIME AND SOCIETY
January to April, 2005
M/W/F 9:30 -10:20
201 Tier
3 Credit Hours**

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Smandych, Russell C. (ed.) , Youth Crime: Varieties, Theories, and Prevention. Toronto: Harcourt Canada, 2001.

Smandych, Russell C. (ed.) Youth justice: History, Legislation, and Reform. Toronto: Harcourt Canada, 2001.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide students with a detailed understanding of issues surrounding childhood deviance and the treatment of young offenders in the criminal justice system. The course will cover topics including: historical perspective on the changing role of children and youth in Canadian society; cross-cultural perspectives on childhood; legislation dealing with young offenders (the JDA, YOA, and YCJA); young offenders and the media; and current research on youth crime; youth crime prevention, and the treatment of young offenders in the Canadian criminal justice system. The course will also introduce students to comparative research on the different approaches to dealing with youth crime that exist in countries outside of North America. This comparative-historical approach is aimed at generating new policy ideas and recommendations needed to bring about progressive changes in the way youth justice issues are dealt with in Canada.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION

The course will consist of lectures and discussions. Students are expected to do the required readings, and be prepared to engage in discussion of the topics covered in the readings. They will also be expected to participate actively in group discussion with other students in their research project working group.

GROUP RESEARCH PAPERS

The class will be divided into groups of five or six students. All students in the group will be given the same mark for the project. Your paper will be worth 15% of your final grade. You will be required to present your paper towards the end of term. This will be worth 5% of the grade you receive on your paper. Your group may also be asked to prepare some of the assigned readings for class discussions. Towards the end of this term, you will be required to assess the input of the other students in your group. This assessment will be worth 5% of your total grade.

The course evaluation will consist of two in-class tests, a group project, a peer evaluation of other students in the group, and a take home final exam. Provided below is a breakdown of the values of each of the course requirements and related due dates:

Test 1	25%	(January 31)
Test 2	25%	(March 7)
Group project	15%	(due <i>in class</i> March 23)
Presentation of group work	5%	
Evaluations of group members	5%	(due March 23)
Take home exam	25%	(to be handed out last day of class and due April 14 before 12:00 P.M)

Missed Exams: Make-up tests will be allowed if there is a valid reason such as illness. You must inform me within one week of the missed test. In the case of illness, a note from your doctor is required.

Late Written Assignments: Late book reviews and projects will be given a lesser grade of 5% for every day that they are late.
Papers and Group projects will not be accepted past one week from the due date.

Missed Presentations: One of the requirements of the course is an in-class group presentation worth 5% of your grade. 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.

Students are expected to do the required readings and be prepared to engage in discussions on the topics covered in the readings

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

90-100= A+	70-74= C+
85-89= A	60-69= C
80-84= B+	50-59= D
75-79= B	49 or less=F

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students should acquaint themselves with the university's policy on Examinations: Personations' (p.25) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p.26) found in the Undergraduate Calendar". The faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

The last day for voluntary withdrawal is March 18, 2005.