

University of Manitoba  
Department of Sociology

**077:379 Women Crime and Social Justice**

LO1 Term 2: May 29 – June 20, 2006, 3 credit hours  
(MTWThF: 10:45-12:45 p.m. in Room 244 University College)

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**Objectives of the course:**

This course provides a focused analysis of women, crime and social justice. Drawing on feminist scholarship in the field, the course examines gender differences in crime, including the ways in which 'ideas' about gender appropriate deviance shape the social response to rule-breaking. Specific attention will be paid to crime perpetrated against women and the histories/experiences of abuse among women offenders. This provides for an analysis of the experience and treatment of women in the criminal justice system as well as the new directions that feminist theory, research and practice suggests are more fruitful in understanding women, crime and social justice.

**Required texts:**

Hannah-Moffat, K. and M. Shaw. An Ideal Prison: Critical Essays on Women's Imprisonment in Canada. Fernwood: Halifax: 2000.

Comack, E. Women in Trouble. Fernwood, Halifax: 1996.

**Course requirements:**

The final grade for the course will be based on the following:

- 1) Attendance (15%)
- 2) Group Presentation (15%): To be scheduled
- 3) In-Class test (30%): Friday June 9, 2006
- 4) Take home test (40% of final grade): due Friday, June 23, 2006 by noon.

Study questions for the in-class test and take home test will be distributed in advance.

The course requirements will be based on the readings, lectures and class discussions. Students are expected to attend class and to complete the readings in advance of the lectures so that any problems, concerns or issues can be raised for discussion in class. Participation in class discussion is both welcomed and encouraged.

Makeup tests and late assignments will not be considered unless appropriate documentation has been received.

**Students should familiarize themselves with the regulations regarding academic integrity, as plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. Please familiarize yourself with the policies in Section 7 on page 26-27 of the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar 2005-06.**

The voluntary withdrawal date for term two Intersession half courses is **Wednesday, June 14, 2006.**

**Grade distribution:**

A+ 95-100	B+ 80-85	C+ 65-71	D 50-59
A 86-94	B 72-79	C 60-64	F <50

**Class Schedule:**

This is a tentative class schedule and may be modified as we proceed. Our progress through the course materials will be monitored to determine whether any changes are appropriate.

**May 29:** Introduction and overview of the course

**May 30 – June 8:**

The first section of the course examines preliminary considerations that are critical to the study of women, crime and social justice. This will include mainstream criminology and the study of female offenders and crimes perpetrated against women as well as the relationship between female offending and histories of abuse.

Readings: Comack, E. Women in Trouble.

**Friday, June 9: In-class test (30% of final grade)**

**June 12 – June 20:**

The second section of the course engages a focused analysis of the experiences of women in the criminal justice system with a specific focus on women in prison. The last part of the course addresses the implications of these considerations with a view to new directions in feminist theory, research and practice.

Readings: Hannah-Moffat and Shaw. An Ideal Prison.

**Friday, June 23: Take home test (40% of final grade): due in my office by noon.**

\*Please note: Students are not permitted to communicate with the instructor or submit course work by e-mail. Please see me during office hours or leave a voice mail and I will return your call as soon as possible.