

**University of Manitoba**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**Sociology SOC 3830 (A01) – Youth, Crime & Society**  
**Summer 2011 (3 credit hours)**  
**MTWRF 10:45am – 12:45pm**  
**313 Tier Building**

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**Course Description:** This course is designed to provide students with a detailed understanding of the history and development of issues surrounding youth deviance, the regulation of youth and the treatment of young offenders in the criminal justice system. The course will cover topics including: historical perspectives on changing role of children and youth in Canadian society; legislation dealing with young offenders (JDA, YOA, YCJA); young offenders and their representation in the media; current research and statistical data on the nature and extent of youth crime and violence; youth crime prevention, and the treatment of young offenders in the Canadian criminal justice system; and the treatment of young offenders in systems outside of North America. The course will also introduce students to research on the limitations of system based responses. This approach is aimed at generating new policy ideas and recommendations needed to bring about progressive changes for youth.

**Required Course Reading:**

Doob, Anthony and Jane Sprott (2009) *Justice for Girls? Stability and Change in the Youth Justice Systems in the United States and Canada* Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Additional readings **On Reserve in Library**

**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 discussions of the topics covered in the readings. They will also be expected to participate actively in in-class small-group discussions.

The course evaluation will consist of three in class tests (80%) and a critical analysis of one newspaper story on the topic of youth crime chosen during the course (20%). Provided below is a breakdown of the value of each of the course requirements and related due dates:

Test 1 (30%)	June 7, 2011
Test 2 (30%)	June 14, 2011
Test 3 (20%)	June 21, 2011

Critical Analysis of Media Reporting on Youth Crime  
(20%) June 21, 2011

**The last date for voluntary withdrawal is June 15, 2010.**

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

A+	90-100	C+	65-69
A	85-89	C	60-64
A-	80-84	D	50-59
B+	75-79	F	0-49
B	70-74		

**Missed Tests:** If a test is missed for a legitimate medical or compassionate reason the student must get in touch with the instructor, provide related documentation if requested, and arrange for a make-up text. Under normal circumstances, the student is required to inform the instructor of their request for a make-up test within one week of the original test date, however given the abbreviated nature of this course, students are expected to contact the instructor within 2-3 days of a missed test. Failure to request a make-up test within the expected time frame may result in ineligibility for a make-up test and a mark of zero for that test.

**Late Assignments:** Late assignments will incur a penalty of 2 marks for each day the assignment is late unless the student has contacted the instructor before the assignment due date and requested a time extension. Time extensions will only be given for documented medical and compassionate reasons.

**Academic Integrity:** Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on "Examinations: Personations" and "Plagiarism and Cheating" found in the Undergraduate Calendar.