

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
Sociology SOC 2510 Criminology
Spring 2010 (3 credit hours)
MTWRF 10:45am – 12:45pm
Classroom: 215 Tier

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Course Description: Course Description:

This course sets the foundation for beginning to "think like a Criminologist" -- one who investigates and tackles social problems principally through the empirical window of crime and criminal justice. The course begins by examining definitions of crime, techniques used to measure crime and the development of criminal laws used to control unwanted behaviour defined as criminal. We then move to examine several frameworks for criminological analysis (i.e., theoretical orientations). We conclude by examining a range of substantive criminological issues. In this course, we will address such classic 'consensualist' criminological questions as how best to identify and respond to offenders and otherwise control crime. We will also examine more 'conflictual' approaches which ask questions about the processes through which some forms of deviance are defined and responded to as 'crime', and how these processes impact less and more powerful groups in society differently.

Course Readings:

Linden, Rick. 2009. *Criminology: a Canadian Perspective*. Sixth edition. Toronto: Nelson.

Lectures: MTWTHF 10:45 am – 12:45 pm

Course Requirements and Evaluation: The course will consist of lectures and discussions on topics outlined below. 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. There will be films and guest lectures as appropriate.

The course evaluation will consist of three in class tests (80%) and a critical analysis of one newspaper story on 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%)	May 12, 2010
Test 2 (30%)	May 19, 2010
Test 3 (20%)	May 26, 2010

Media Analysis (20%) May 22, 2009

The last date for voluntary withdrawal is May 19, 2010.

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

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

Course Schedule and Readings:

Part 1: Crime and Society (May 3 – 12)

Linden, Rick. "Crime, criminals, and criminology", in Linden, Chapter 1.

Verdun-Jones., Simon. "Criminal law", in Linden, Chapter 3.

Evans, John., Alexander Himelfard. "Counting crime", in Linden, Chapter 4.

Hartnagel, Timothy. "Correlates of criminal behavior", in Linden, Chapter 5.

Section wrap up and preview of next section: Film

Part 2: Theoretical Explanations of Crime (May 13 – 19)

Caputo, Tullio., and Rick Linden. "Early theories of criminology", in Linden, Chapter 7.

Dupont, Danica. "Conflict Theories", in Linden Chapter 10.

Comack, Elizabeth. "Feminism and Criminology", in Linden Chapter 6

Hogeveen, Brian, and Andrew Woolford "Contemporary Critical Criminology" in Linden Chapter 11.

Part 3: Patterns of Criminal Behaviour (May 20 – 26)

[NO CLASS MAY 24]

Koenig, Daniel J., “Conventional and “Street” Crime”, in Linden Chapter 14

Stamler, Rodney T. “Organized Crime”, in Linden Chapter 15

Hagan, John and Rick Linden. “Corporate and White Collar Crime” in Linden Chapter 16

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” (Section 4.2.8) and “Plagiarism and Cheating” (section 7.1) found in the Undergraduate Calendar.