

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY**

CRIMINOLOGY SOC 2510 A02
Term 2 – Winter 2019 - 3 credit hours
(M/W/F- 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.)
Room – 215 Tier

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3 credit hours

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Rick Linden, *Criminology: A Canadian Perspective*. 8th edition. Toronto: Nelson.
 A study manual is available for the book. You can purchase online access to CourseMate from the bookstore.

EVALUATION Your course grade will be determined by the following:

Term Test 1	25%	February 8
Term Test 2	30%	March 11
Final Examination:	30%	Scheduled by University
Discussion Groups	15%	

Note that the final examination will be held **during the scheduled examination period BUT Will BE ADMINISTERED IN THE REGULAR CLASSROOM.** The final exam will be the same length as the other exams in this course.

Grades are assigned as follows:

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

The tests and final examinations will cover material from the required readings, lectures and class discussions. The tests and the final examination will consist of multiple choice and essay questions.

Exams/tests are not cumulative. Students are responsible for both the lecture material and all assigned readings.

You can normally expect your test grades back within 7 – 10 days after the test.

Exam Rules

Students who miss a mid-term will be required to have a valid excuse such as a medical certificate before writing a make-up examination. *Make-up examinations will be essay format.*

Final examination regulations are found online at http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/academic/1299.html

Failure to write one of the term tests or the final examinations will result in a mark of zero for that part of the grade.

In accordance with University and Faculty of Arts policies and the University of Manitoba Senate Policy #1307 departments are required to utilize a final grades review and approval process of multi-sectioned undergraduate courses *before* course grades are rolled into Aurora student. Accordingly, the final grade distribution in this course may be raised or lowered to achieve this equity and, therefore, your final grade may be changed. At the discretion of a Department's Council, the Faculty of Arts policy states there may also be a review and approval of proposed final grades of other undergraduate courses.

Discussion Group Assignments

The class will be divided into groups of four or five. The group to which you are assigned will remain the same for the remainder of the course. Approximately every three weeks, you will be given a question or series of questions which your group will discuss and provide a written answer. The material to assist you in developing your answers will come from the required reading and the lectures. One person in the group will record the answer and submit it to the instructor at the end of class. The person responsible for recording the group's answer will rotate every week. It will be the responsibility of the recording person to mark down which individuals are present for that week's assignment.

For each assignment all students in the group will be given the same mark. Your total mark for this component of the course is worth 15% of your final mark and will be based on your best 3 marks out of the 4 assignments. If you miss a week, you will be given a zero for that week's assignment.

There will be no make-ups for group writing assignments. All members of the group are expected to participate in the development of the best answer for the assignment.

Note that nobody's mark will be **lowered** as a result of the discussion group results **unless the reason for the lower mark is because of non-attendance at discussion group sessions.**

Dates of the discussion groups will be: Jan 23, Feb 13, Mar 6, Mar 29

Discussion group marks will be provided at the next discussion group.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

The last date for voluntary withdrawal for this course is March 20, 2019.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Academic dishonesty: Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam personation, ("**Personation at Examinations**" (**Section 5.2.9**) and "**Plagiarism and cheating**" (**Section 8.1**)) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources web site at <http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student-resources/student-responsibilities-integrity.html> . Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

UNCLAIMED TERM WORK DISPOSAL

Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. At the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed work will become the property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

PART 1 CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY

INTRODUCTION

This section has two parts which provide you with some of the background to the field of criminology. The first part looks at the criminal law which defines many of the behaviours which criminologists study. After looking at the history of the development of the criminal law, you will study the elements of a crime and the defenses to criminal charges. The second part of the section looks at the origins of criminal law and asks why we have the kinds of laws we do.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this section you will familiarize yourself with scope of the field of Criminology. You will be able to answer questions that require knowledge of:

- a. the history of the criminal law;
- b. the elements of the definition of a criminal offense including acts and omissions, intent, and defenses and justifications;
- c. the application of defenses, including age, insanity, intoxication, consent, mistake of fact, necessity, duress, self-defence, and provocation;
- d. theories of the origins of law, including conflict and consensus theories, and
- e. the philosophical debate about the limits of the law.

1. INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY

READINGS: Linden, Chapter 1

2. ELEMENTS OF THE CRIMINAL LAW

READINGS: Linden, Chapter 3

3. ORIGINS OF CRIMINAL LAW

READINGS: Linden, Chapter 2

PART 2 EXPLAINING CRIME

INTRODUCTION

This is the longest of the three sections and is the most important part of the course. The section has three parts which introduce you to the explanation of criminal behaviour. The first part looks at how we measure crime and at the difficulties inherent in a process where we try to measure something that many people would like to keep secret. The second part deals with correlates of crime. The term "correlates" refers to factors associated with criminality and includes such things as age, race, and sex. Any theory which tries to explain the causes of criminality must explain the way in which these variables are related to the incidence of criminal behaviour. The third part of the section sets out a number of different theoretical perspectives which have been used by those attempting to explain criminality.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this section you will familiarize yourself with ways of collecting crime statistics and with correlates of crime. You will understand the different types of theories which have been developed to explain criminal behaviour. You will be able to answer questions that require knowledge of:

- a. the way in which we obtain information about the nature and extent of criminal behaviour in our society and with the limitations of crime statistics.
- b. correlates of crime including race, sex, age, and social class.
- c. the relative merits of different explanations of criminal behaviour including:
 - i. early theories
 - ii. biological explanations
 - iii. psychological explanations
 - iv. sociological explanations

1. **CRIME STATISTICS**

READINGS: Linden, Chapter 4

2. **CORRELATES OF CRIME**

READINGS: Linden, Chapters 5, 6

TEST 1 HERE (February 8) Likely readings for exam Chapters 1-5

3. **EXPLAINING CRIME**

READINGS: Linden, Chapters 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15

TEST 2 HERE (March 11) Likely readings for exam Chapters 6,8,9,10

PART THREE PATTERNS OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In this section you will familiarize yourself with patterns of criminal behaviour. You will be able to answer questions that require knowledge of:

- a. factors involved in street crimes, including its incidence and the types of offenders and victims most commonly involved in these offences;
- b. the types of goods and services provided by organized crime in Canada and the way in which criminal organizations operate;
- c. the factors contributing to the occurrence of white collar and corporate crime.

You will be responsible for the integration of material in this section with earlier course material, particularly with that dealing with causal theories.

READINGS: Linden, Chapters 7 (pp. 187-211), 16, 17, 18

Final Exam (to be scheduled) Likely readings Chapter 7 (pp.187-211), Chapter 11, 13-18.