

University of Manitoba, Department of Sociology

Sociology 2610 A01– Criminal Justice and Corrections – Fall 2010 (T1)
Slot 1 – MWF (8:30-9:20) – Room 213 Tier (3 credit hours)

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Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the operational practices of the Canadian criminal justice system. The course offers an introductory analysis of the criminal justice system, following the accused through various decision stages from the moment of initial police involvement to the correctional disposition of the convicted offender. In addition to providing an overview of the operation of major components of the criminal justice system (police, courts, and corrections), the course introduces students to the ongoing issues, dilemmas, and concerns faced by criminal justice practitioners and reformers.

Course Requirements and Evaluation: The course will consist of lectures and discussions on topics outlined in the course syllabus. Students are expected to do the required readings, and be prepared to engage in discussions of the topics covered in the lectures and readings.

The course evaluation will consist of three in-class tests, three short written essay assignments (of approximately 600-900 words), and a mark for attendance and participation. Provided below is a breakdown of the value of each of the course requirements and related approximate test and assignment due dates:

Assignment 1	10%	(Monday, October 4)
Test 1	20%	(Friday, October 8)
Assignment 2	10%	(Wednesday, November 3)
Test 2	20%	(Monday, November 8)
Assignment 3	10%	(Friday, December 3)
Test 3	20%	(Wednesday, December 8)
Attendance/Participation	10%	

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

A+	93 - 100	C+	65 - 69
A	85 - 92	C	60 - 64
B+	78 - 84	D	50 - 59
B	70 - 77	F	0 - 49

Tentative Outline of Topics to be Covered:

- Part 1: The Criminal Justice System: An Overview
- Part 2: Policing
- Part 3: Criminal Prosecution and the Courts
- Part 4: Sentencing
- Part 5: Alternatives to Confinement and Correctional Institutions
- Part 6: Release and Re-entry

Required Course Readings:

C. Griffiths, *Canadian Criminal Justice: A Primer*. 4th Edition. Toronto: Nelson, 2011.

[Note to students: The earlier, 3rd edition of this book cannot be used in this course because of the numerous changes made in the new edition.]

J. Roberts and M. Grossman (eds.), *Criminal Justice in Canada: A Reader*. 3rd Edition. Toronto: Nelson, 2009.

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 test. 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. 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.

The last date for voluntary withdrawal is November 17, 2010.