

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology
Criminology SOC 2510 A02

Term 2 – Winter 2016 – 3 credit hours
Room 312 Tier - Slot 10 (TU/TH – 1:00 – 2:15)

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Rick Linden, Criminology: A Canadian Perspective. 8th edition. Toronto: Holt, Rinehart and Winston

COURSE OBJECTIVES

In this course you will become familiar with the field of criminology, gaining an understanding of the history and development of criminal law, including defenses used in court. You will learn how crime statistics are collected and be able to discuss the limitations of statistics, as well as discuss correlates of crime. You will explore theories developed to explain criminal behaviour and apply critical reasoning in the application of these explanations. You will look at patterns of criminal behaviour, including street crime, organized crime, and corporate crime.

EVALUATION

Your course grade will be determined by the following:

Term Test 1:	30%	January 28
Term Test 2:	30%	March 8
Final test:	20%	April 7
Discussion Groups:	20%	

Please note this is a tentative schedule but to due time constraints and/or class discussions, this schedule may change. You will be given adequate notice if changes do occur.

Grades are assigned as follows:

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

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

Students who miss a test will be required to have a valid excuse, such as a medical certificate, before writing a make-up test. The make-up test will be essay format. Students are required to contact the instructor prior to the missed test.

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

Please note: Senate Policy #1307 requires a “post-examination review of final grades in multi-sectioned courses that will ensure an equitable correspondence between grades and level of performance in all sections”. As such, the final grade distribution may be raised or lowered to achieve such equity, and therefore, your final grade may be changed.

Discussion Group Assignments

In the second week of the course, 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 the class. It will be the responsibility of the recording person to make 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 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.

The dates of the discussion groups will be: January 21, February 11, March 15, and March 31. They are subject to change due to time constraints and class discussions.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL

The last date for voluntary withdrawal for this course is March 18, 2016.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Plagiarism and Cheating

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/index.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 term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

Disruptions

Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting to large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption may result in disbarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

SECTION 1 Crime and Criminology

This section will introduce you to the field of criminology, beginning with how criminal behaviour is defined and what criminologists study. This will include a look at defenses to criminal charges and the elements of a crime. The second part of this section looks at the origins of criminal law and how laws have developed.

Readings for this section includes chapters 1, 2, 3.

SECTION 2 Understanding Criminal Behaviour

This section will introduce you to the explanation of criminal behaviour. In looking at how crime is measured, you will explore the advantages and disadvantages of different ways of measuring criminal activity. You will then look at the correlates of criminal behaviour and gain an understanding of factors associated with criminality.

Readings for this section include chapters 4, 5, 6.

Test 1 here (January 28)

SECTION 3 Explaining Crime

This section looks at a number of theoretical perspectives which have been used to try and explain criminality.

Readings for this section include chapters 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

Test 2 here (March 8)

SECTION 4 Patterns of Criminal Behaviour

This section looks at patterns of criminal behaviour. You will look at street crimes, organized crime, as well as corporate crime.

Readings for this section include chapters 15, 16, 17, 18.

Test 3 here (April 7)