

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
SOC 2610 A01
SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND
CORRECTIONS
January, 2009 Term 2 3 credit hours
244 University College 1:00 – 2:15

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Course Description

This course will examine the three major elements of the Canadian criminal justice system: the police, the courts and the correctional system. The focus of this examination will be on an analysis of the structural factors that influence the processing of people through this system and an understanding of the roles played by the key actors in this system. This will entail not only a description of the system as it presently operates but a critical assessment of the strengths and weaknesses that currently exist within the system of criminal justice.

Readings:

The following book is required for this course.

Colin Goff **Criminal Justice in Canada** 4th edition.

In addition, there is one reading on reserve at the Elizabeth Dafoe Library. This material is marked with an asterisk.

Grade:

Your course grade will be determined by the following:

Term Test 1:	27.5%
Term Test 2:	27.5%
Term Test 3:	20%
Group Writing:	20%
Peer Evaluation:	5%

Tests:

There will be three term tests. The tests will cover material from the required reading, lectures and information that comes out of class discussion. The tests will consist of multiple-choice and essay questions, and tests 2 and 3 are not cumulative

Students unable to write a term test on the scheduled date must contact the instructor at least one week prior to the test. Should a medical problem cause the student to miss a term test, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor within one week of the scheduled test to arrange a time to write a make-up test. Failure to write one of the term tests will result in a mark of zero for that part of the grade.

Group Writing Assignments:

In the second week of the course, the class will be divided into groups of five or six. The group to which you are assigned will remain the same for the remainder of the course. Approximately every third class, you will be given one or two questions that your group will discuss and provide a written answer. The material to assist you in developing your answer 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. The person responsible for recording the group's answer will rotate every week. It will also 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 20% of your final mark and will be based on the

best 5 marks out of the 6 assignments. If you miss a week, you will be given a zero for that week's assignment. All members of the group are expected to participate in the development of the best answer for the assignment. Given the nature of this work, there will be no make-up assignments.

Peer Evaluation:

In the last week of class you will be asked to assess the performance of the other members of your group. This assessment will be used in determining each individual student's contribution to the group writing assignments.

Grading Scheme

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

Academic Honesty:

Students should acquaint themselves with the University policy regarding "plagiarism and cheating" and "examinations: personations" found in the University Undergraduate Calendar.

Reading Assignments:

Section One: In this section the student will be introduced to the system of criminal justice in Canada. We will also examine the first of the three major components of the criminal justice system: the police. This examination will include a history of policing in Canada, the legal powers that police enjoy, and a number of contemporary issues that police services are currently addressing.

1. Introduction to Criminal Justice
Goff Ch. 1,2

January 15 Group Writing

2. Legal Powers of Police:
Goff ch. 7 (pp 186-208)

3. Police Operations:
Goff ch. 5

January 22 Group Writing

4. Contemporary Policing Issues:
Goff ch. 6

TEST 1

(Tentative date: Tuesday, February 3)

Section Two: In this section we will examine the current operation of the Canadian court system and the different jurisdictions that exist within the system. A key focus of this section will be on the three key roles within the court system: the prosecution, the defence, and the judiciary. We will also examine the role of the victim in the criminal justice system.

5. Description of the Canadian Court System: ch. 8,
6. Key Roles in the Court System:
Goff ch. 7 (pp 210-213)

February 12 Group Writing

7. Victims:

*“Four Models of Victim Involvement During Plea Negotiations: Bridging the Gap between Current Legal Reforms and Current Legal Practice” Simon Verdun-Jones & Adamira Tijerino

8. Crime Control Philosophy & Criminal Justice:
Goff ch. 3

March 3 Group Writing

TEST 2

(Tentative date: Thursday March 12)

Section Three: In this section, we will examine the history of the prison system, the effectiveness of prison as a response to crime, and alternatives to imprisonment. We will also explore several issues that are likely to become significant in the next decade.

Voluntary Withdrawal Date: March 19

9. Sentencing:
Goff ch. 9

March 24 Group Writing

10. Canadian Correctional Institutions:
Goff ch. 1111. Community-Based Corrections:
Goff chs. 10,1212. Current Issues in Criminal Justice
Goff ch. 14

April 2 Group Writing

TEST 3

(Tentative date: Tuesday, April 9)
