

SOC 2510 A01 – Criminology – Winter Term 2011 (3 cr. hrs.)

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Tues./Thurs. 2:30 – 3:45

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Course Objectives:

This course is intended to provide an introduction to the field of Criminology. The first section of the course involves learning about the origins and background of the field; examining sources of law in society, defining ‘crime’ and ‘criminals’, describing sources of information about crime, and examining the individual and social variables that are related to criminal behaviour. The second section, which constitutes the bulk of the material to be covered, includes a critical introduction to the major theories that have been developed in an attempt to explain crime. Students will also develop an understanding of the ‘real life’ policy implications that attach to particular criminological theories and orientations. The third section will involve discussion of specific patterns and types of crime in Canada. At all stages of the course, students will be encouraged to take an active role through class participation.

Required Texts:

Linden, Rick (2009). Criminology: A Canadian Perspective. (6th edition) Toronto: Nelson Canada Ltd.

Comack, E. (2008). Out There / In Here: Masculinity, Violence, and Prisoning. Winnipeg: Fernwood.

Note: While the majority of the assigned readings will be from the text, additional articles may be assigned from time to time.

Evaluation:

Grades will be determined on the basis of three term tests and an assignment:

Test #1	27.5%	(February 3 rd)
Test #2	27.5%	(March 10 th)
Test #3	20%	(April 7 th)
Book Review	25%	(Details TBA)

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A+	90 - 100%	(Exceptional)	C+	65 - 69%	(Satisfactory)
A	80 - 89%	(Excellent)	C	60 - 64%	(Adequate)
B+	75 - 79%	(Very Good)	D	50 - 59%	(Marginal)
B	70 - 74%	(Good)	F	0 - 49%	(Failure)

Note: Late assignments will not be accepted; failure to complete any portion of the required course work will result in a grade of zero for that portion.

Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all classes. In the case of unavoidable absence, *it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor as soon as possible*. In the case of a missed test, exam, or assignment due date, a medical certificate must be provided.

Class Conduct:

Disruptions such as talking, late arrivals or early departures are especially distracting to the instructor and to other students. Please be considerate of the needs and rights of others. Active cell phones, pagers, PDAs, etc. are not welcome. Laptop computers may only be used to facilitate note-taking, and solely at the instructor's discretion.

Academic Integrity:

Students are advised to acquaint themselves with the University of Manitoba policies on academic dishonesty, including personation at exams (section 5.2.9) and plagiarism and cheating (section 8.1) in the 2010-2011 Undergraduate Calendar. The Faculty of Arts also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

Voluntary Withdrawal:

Students should be familiar with the rules and procedures for voluntary withdrawal. The final date for withdrawal without academic penalty is March 18th, 2011.

Tentative Course Schedule

The subject schedule below is approximate and may be adjusted as the course progresses. Group assignments will be integrated with the lecture material where appropriate. Note that while the majority of the assigned reading will be from the textbook, additional articles may be assigned from time to time.

Part I: Crime and Society (January 5 to February 1)

What is Criminology? (Linden, ch. 1)
Development of Legal Systems (Linden, ch. 2)
Definitions of Deviance and Crime (Linden, ch. 3)
Measuring Crime (Linden, ch. 4)
Correlates of Criminal Behaviour (Linden, ch. 5)

Part II: Explanations of Criminal Behaviour (February 8 to March 8)

Early Theories of Crime (Linden, ch. 7)
Psychological Theories (Linden, ch. 8)
Sociological Theories (Linden, ch. 9,10, 12, 13)

Part III: Patterns of Criminal Behaviour (March 15 to April 5)

Critical Criminology (Linden, ch. 11)
Women and Crime (Linden, ch. 6)
Conventional Crime (Linden, ch. 14)
Organized Crime (Linden, ch. 15)
White Collar & Corporate Crime (Linden, ch. 16)

Please Note:

University of Manitoba Senate Policy #1307 requires “a post-examination review of final grades in multisectioned courses that will ensure an equitable correspondence between grades and level of performance in all sections.” 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.

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