

University of Manitoba
Department of Sociology

SOC 2510 Criminology (A03)

Fall term: September 8 - December 7, 2011, 3 credit hours
(Tues/Thurs @ 1:00 - 2:15 in Room 214 Tier Building)

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Objectives of the course:

This course provides an introduction to the field of Criminology. Among the issues to be addressed in the first part of the course are the origins of Criminology; the place and practice of law in society, the study of crime and criminal conduct and the contribution of feminism to the discipline. This will be followed by a critical examination of theories of crime and three major patterns of criminal behaviour.

Required texts:

Linden, R. Criminology: A Canadian Perspective. (6th edition), Nelson Education, Toronto: 2009.

*Additional readings may be assigned throughout the course.

Course requirements:

The final grade for the course will be based on the following:

- 1) Group writing exercises (30%):
September 29 – 10% October 27 – 10% November 24 – 10%
- 2) In-class Test (25%): Thursday, October 6/11
- 3) In-class Test (25%): Thursday, November 10/11
- 4) In-class test (20% of final grade): Tuesday, December 6/11

The course requirements will be based on the readings, lectures and class discussions. Students are expected to attend class and to complete the readings in advance of the lectures so that any problems, concerns or issues can be raised for discussion in class. Participation in class discussion is both welcomed and encouraged. In-class tests will be comprised of multiple choice and true/false items.

Make-up tests and missed group exercises will not be considered unless appropriate documentation has been received. Requests for special consideration must be made well in advance. It is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor within one week of a missed requirement or test. Neglecting to do so will result in a grade of zero for that requirement.

Requirements for the group exercises will be detailed in class.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students should familiarize themselves with the University's policy on 'Personation at Examinations (Section 5.2.9) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating (Section 8.1) found online under Umanitoba Catalog 2011-2012>General Academic Regulations>Section 8.Academic Integrity. 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.

The voluntary withdrawal date for fall term half courses is November 16, 2011.

Grade distribution:

A+ 95-100	B+ 80-85	C+ 65-71	D 50-59
A 86-94	B 72-79	C 60-64	F <50

IMPORTANT NOTE: The *University of Manitoba 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." 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.

DISRUPTIONS: On the issue of politeness, please note that disruptions due to talking, late arrival and/or early departures to and from the classroom are disruptive. 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 the class early should inform the instructor. Similarly, arriving late should be avoided and/or explained to the instructor.

It should also be noted that lap top computers may only be used for the purpose of taking notes; any other uses will result in this privilege being withdrawn. Cell phones are to be turned off during class and text messaging is strictly prohibited. Students will be excused from the class if s/he refuses to comply with these restrictions.

Class Schedule:

This is a tentative class schedule and may be modified as we proceed. Our progress through the course materials will be monitored to determine whether any changes are appropriate.

September 8: Introduction and overview of the course**September 13 - October 4:**

The first section of the course examines preliminary considerations that are critical to the field of Criminology. This includes the origins of Criminology, the place and practice of law in society and the study of crime and criminal conduct.

Readings: Linden, Criminology: chapters 1 - 5 inclusive.

Thursday, September 29: In-class Group exercise (10% of final grade)**Thursday, October 6: In-class test (25% of final grade)****October 11 - November 8:**

The second section of the course engages a focused analysis of theories of crime beginning with an examination of the feminist critique of and contribution to new directions in criminological theory, research and practice.

Readings: Linden, Criminology: chapter 6 - 10 inclusive.

Thursday, October 27: In-class Group exercise (10% of final grade)**Thursday, November 10: In-class test (25% of final grade)****November 15 - December 1:**

The third section of the course continues with the examination of theories of crime and then considers three specific patterns of criminal conduct.

Readings: Linden, Criminology, chapters 11 - 16 inclusive.

Thursday, November 24: In-class Group exercise (10% of final grade)**Tuesday, December 6: In-class test (20% of final grade)**