

**UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA**  
**Department of Sociology**  
**SELECTED TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY:**  
**CRIMINOLOGY AND GENOCIDE**  
**Sociology 3740 A01**  
**(Term 2, 2008, 3 Credit Hours)**  
**Slot 9, 11:30-12:45pm Tuesday and Thursday**  
**214 Tier**

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**Course Objectives:**

Genocide has been recognized as a “crime” since the advent of the 1948 *United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Genocide*. However, criminologists have been slow to undertake study of this phenomenon. It is only in recent years that anything resembling a criminology of genocide has emerged. Our goal in this class is to achieve a basic understanding of the meaning and perpetration of genocide through an examination of several case studies (e.g. the Holocaust, Rwanda, and Cambodia). With this background in hand, we will then probe the question of what criminology might contribute to our knowledge on genocide. In so doing, we will acknowledge that criminology has played a role *within* genocidal events through participation in the “criminalization” of targeted groups.

**Required Readings:**

Adam Jones 2006. *Genocide: A Comprehensive Introduction*, London and New York: Routledge.  
Nigel Eltringham 2004. *Accounting for Horror: Post-Genocide Debates in Rwanda*. London: Pluto Press. (For book review)  
Reading Package (Available from bookstore or on reserve in Dafoe Library)

**Assignments and Grades:**

Participation:	15 %
Midterm	25%
Book Review	30%
Take Home Final Exam:	30%

**Class Participation (15%):** In-class participation will be encouraged throughout the term through class-based discussions, small-group discussions, and small-group assignments.

**Midterm (25%):** Our midterm test (approximately 50% multiple choice, 50% paragraph-length answers) will be held on February 12th.

**Book Review (30%):** Students will write an 8-10 page book review of Nigel Eltringham's *Accounting for Horror: Post-Genocide Debates in Rwanda*. A more detailed description of this assignment will be handed out in class. Essays are due April 1.

**Take Home Final Exam (30%):** A take home final exam of two essay-length questions will be provided on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Exams are due on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (please bring your exams to my office between noon and 4:00pm – late exams will not be accepted).

(Note: Students are required to provide a medical note within one week if a test is missed and they require a make-up.)

**Academic Integrity:** Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Examinations: Personations' (p. 27) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (p. 28) found in the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar.

### **Grading:**

Cut-off points for converting percentage grades into letter grades:

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

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Part One: Understanding Genocide**

*Week 1:* What is Genocide? (Jan 8 and 10)

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapters 1 and 2

*Week 2:* Genocide and Indigenous Peoples (Jan 15 and 17)

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 3

2) Woolford, *Ontologies of Group Destruction* (reading package)

*Week 3:* Armenia and the USSR (Jan 22 and 24)

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapters 4 and 5

*Week 4:* The Holocaust (Jan 29 and 31)

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 6

2) Friedrichs, "The Crime of the Century?" (reading package)

*Week 5:* Criminology and the Holocaust (Feb 5 and 7)

Readings: 1) Wetzell, *Inventing the Criminal* (reading package)

*Week 6:* Cambodia (Feb 12)

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 7

2) Hinton, "A Head for an Eye" (reading package)

*Week 7: Bosnia and Kosovo (Feb 26 and 28)*

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 8  
2) Letica, "Labeling Theory and the Wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina" (reading package)

*Week 8: Rwanda and Darfur (March 4 and 6)*

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 9  
2) Hagan et al. "The Criminology of Genocide: Death and Rape in Darfur" reading package)

*Week 9: Psychological, and Political Perspectives (March 11 and 13)*

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapters 10 and 12

*Week 10: Sociological and Anthropological Approaches (March 18 and 20)*

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 11  
2) Shaw, Chapter 2 (reading package)

*Week 11: Gender and Genocide (March 25 and 27)*

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapter 13  
2) Jamieson, "Genocide and the Social Production of Immorality" (reading package)

*Week 12: Memory Forgetting and Denial (Apr 1 and 3)*

Readings: 1) Jones, Chapters 14,  
2) Niven, Concentration Camp Memorial Sites (reading package)

*Week 13: Justice and Prevention (Apr 8 and 10)*

Readings: Jones, Chapters 15 and 16

Voluntary withdrawal deadline is Thursday, March 20, 2008.