

The University of Calgary

Sociology 327 L01: INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE Winter 2013

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Class: Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:00am – 12:15pm in ST 148

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course will introduce students to the structure and operation of the Canadian criminal justice system. Although the major components of the system – the police, the courts, and the correctional system – work together in a formal manner, each also has its own goals and mandates which can result in conflict. We will consider some of the challenges and controversies in the administration of justice. We will pay particular attention to the dynamic nature of the system and consider the impact of legislative changes stemming from Crime Bill C-10 passed in March 2012. With increasing concerns over public safety and security, who is a “criminal” and how much does “justice” cost? Key objectives of this course are that students identify the values of the system as well as develop their critical thinking skills through evaluating crime stories. It is therefore imperative that students keep informed of current issues related to the Canadian criminal justice system as presented in the media. Students will also be expected to participate in short class exercises and discussion.

REQUIRED READING

Available in the University Bookstore:

Custom Package: shrink-wrapped combo of Griffiths (2011) *Canadian Criminal Justice: A Primer* and Goff (2011) Chapter Three from *Criminal Justice in Canada*.

Students are also required to consult Blackboard each week to download the outline of the lecture and any exercises or questions for discussion. Additional readings or references may also be posted.

EVALUATION

TEST 1	JANUARY 31	30%
TEST 2	MARCH 5	30%
FINAL EXAM	TBA Scheduled by the Registrar's Office	40%

Material for the tests/exam will be based upon all course content including lectures, guest lectures and assigned readings. Questions will be in multiple choice format.

GRADING SCALE

Please be aware that the grades for a course component may be scaled to maintain equity among sections and to conform to departmental norms.

A+ 95-100%	B+ 80-84%	C+ 67-69%	D+ 54-58%
A 90-94%	B 75-79%	C 63-66%	D 50-53%
A- 85-89%	B- 70-74%	C- 59-62%	F 49% or less

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION***Emergency evacuations:***

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom/lab, please proceed to the assembly point by [*check link to find assembly point for your building*] --

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/node/75>

Deferrals:

If at all possible you must provide advance notice to the instructor if you are unable to take a test or pass in an assignment or essay on time. All requests for deferral of a course

component due to health reasons must be accompanied by written documentation as outlined in the University Calendar and should be obtained while the student has the physical or emotional problem rather than after recovery. Deferrals will be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. Travel arrangements and misreading of the syllabus are not valid reasons for requesting a deferral. Deferrals will not be granted if it is determined that just cause is not shown by the student.

If you have missed a test for a legitimate reason, the instructor can require you to write a “make up” test as close in time to the original test as possible or can choose to transfer the percentage weight to another course component. If the instructor schedules a “make up” test for you, its date and location will be at the convenience of the Department of Sociology.

Deferred Final Exam Form:

Please note that requests to defer a Registrar-scheduled final exam are dealt with through the Registrar’s Office. Further information about deadlines, and where paperwork should be taken, is available on the form, which can be found at:

http://ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/APP%20FOR%20DF%20EXAM_0.pdf

Deferred Term Work Form:

Deferral of term work past the end of a term also requires a form to be filled out. It’s available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/defTW.pdf>

Once an extension date has been agreed between instructor and student, the form should be taken to the Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (SS 110) for approval by an Associate Dean (Students).

Ethics Research: Students are advised that any research with human subjects--including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation--must have the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

Academic Misconduct: Plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct are regarded as serious academic offences. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside an instructor’s office or the Department main office. Written assignments must be returned to students individually, during class, or during the instructor’s office hours; if a student

is unable to pick up her/his assignment s/he may provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Safewalk: The University of Calgary provides a “safe walk” service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the “Help” phones located around Campus.

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, phone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. It is a student’s responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.

Handing in papers outside of class, return of final papers, and release of final grades:

1. When students are unable to submit papers in class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor or teaching assistant. Papers will not be accepted in the main Sociology Department office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the main Sociology Department office. The Freedom of Information and Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place (i.e. outside an instructor’s office, the department office etc.) Students who want their final papers returned by mail must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper. Otherwise final papers will be available for pick-up only during the instructor’s office hours at the end of this term or at the beginning of the next term.
3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are available only online.

Students’ Union: Students’ Union contacts can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/contact>

Student Representation: The Faculty of Arts has four SU representatives who may be contacted at any of the following email addresses: arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, and arts4@su.ucalgary.ca. Please contact if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources: Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of

Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.

For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library

SYLLABUS AND READINGS

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
January 8	Introduction to course	none
January 10	Overview of the Criminal Justice System (CJS)	Chapter 1
January 15 – 17	Criminal Law and Criminal Justice	Chapter 2
January 22 – 24	Control Philosophy and Criminal Justice Policy	*Goff Chapter 3
January 29	Crime Rates, Trends and Public Perception	Review relevant sections in Chapter 2
January 31	TEST 1	Review
February 5 – 7	Policing: organization	Chapter 3 and Chapter 5
February 12 – 14	Policing: issues of concern	Chapter 4
February 19 – 21	READING WEEK	NO LECTURES
February 26 – 28	Courts: structure	Chapter 6

March 5	TEST 2	Review
March 7	Courts: Prosecution	Chapter 7
March 12 – 14	Courts: Sentencing	Chapter 8
March 19	Juries Guest lecture: Dr. Janne Holmgren “Juries and the CSI Effect”	Article: <i>The CSI Effect and the Canadian and the Australian Jury</i> (posted on Blackboard)
March 21	Class cancelled	none
March 26 – 28	Prison alternatives	Chapter 9
April 2 – 4	Corrections	Chapter 10
April 9 – 11	Release and Reentry	Chapter 11
April 16	Conclusions	Review