

The University of Calgary
Faculty of Arts
Department of Sociology
Sociology 325(L02)-Introduction to Deviance and Social Control
Course Outline, Winter 2014

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Introduction

Why do members of society use force and fraud? That is, why do not people simply use socially acceptable means of attaining their wants and needs? This course will introduce students to the most prominent theories constructed in the sociology of deviance, crime, and social control. What is deviance and who has the ability to define it? Why and how does this definition change over time? Do we try to control seemingly harmless types of deviance too often? From our readings and congenial class discussions, we will explore these issues by considering how various sociological theories approach them.

Pedagogy

I expect students to be active producers rather than passive consumers of ideas. As such, classes will involve traditional formal lectures, but they will also include a considerable amount of student activity and participation. This means that there will be many short class exercises and considerable informal discussion (among students and with the instructor). I also encourage students to draw upon their personal experiences as a valuable source of information. Students are warned that, at times, this class deals with graphic and violent themes in lectures and videos.

Required Readings

The following **text** will be used:

O'Grady, W. (2011). *Crime in Canadian context: Debates and controversies*. Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.

A **reader** accompanies the text:

Heiner, R. (Ed.). (2008). *Deviance across cultures*. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

Please review the reading schedule below. Students will be expected to carefully consider each assigned reading before class and make use of the slide show notes available on Blackboard. Blackboard PowerPoint files do not represent an exhaustive set of notes and are not an alternative to attending class regularly. They are *intended* only to provide a brief outline of what will be covered in lectures and it is expected that you will need to take additional notes during class.

Evaluation

There are three requirements to complete this course.

Mid-Term Exam I	30%	February 5
Mid-Term Exam II	30%	March 7
Final Examination	40%	TBA, scheduled by the Registrar's Office

Based upon lectures and assigned readings, exams will be in multiple-choice format. It is important that you complete all assigned readings before every class. All requirements must be completed in order to pass this course.

Grading Scheme

A+ > 95%	B+ 80%-84.99%	C+ 67%-69.99%	D+ 54%-58.99%
A 90%-94.99%	B 75%-79.99%	C 63%-66.99%	D 50%-53.99%
A- 85%-89.99%	B- 70%-74.99%	C- 59%-62.99%	F <49.99%

**The grades for a course component may be scaled to maintain equity among sections and to conform to departmental norms.*

Reading Schedule

The reading schedule is offered to you as a general guide. It is expected that some topics and readings may deserve further treatment and consequently, additional class time.

“T” refers to the text by O’Grady
“R” refers to the reader by Heiner

Date	Topic	Chapter(s) to have read
Jan 8	Outline review	None
Jan 10	Definitions of crime and deviance	O’Grady: Chapter 1 Heiner: On the sociology of deviance Heiner: Conceptions of deviant behavior
Jan 13	Definitions of crime and deviance	
Jan 15	Definitions of crime and deviance	
Jan 17	Knowledge construction	O’Grady: Chapter 2
Jan 20	Knowledge construction	
Jan 22	Knowledge construction	
Jan 24	The Demonic	O’Grady: pp. 65-69 Heiner: The Devil goes to daycare Heiner: Penis panics Heiner: Nones on the run Heiner: Suicide bombers
Jan 27	The classical perspective	O’Grady: pp. 69-73; 127-139
Jan 29	Pathology	O’Grady: pp. 73-85 Heiner: Why Ritalin rules Heiner: Paraphilias across cultures

		Heiner: Schizophrenia in the Third World
Jan 31	Pathology	
Feb 3	Pathology	
Feb 5	Examination I	None
Feb 7	Functionalism	O'Grady: pp. 88-89; 92-95 Heiner: The normal and the pathological
Feb 10	Functionalism	
Feb 12	Strain	O'Grady: pp. 92-95; 123-127 Heiner: Social structure and anomie
Feb 14	Social disorganization	O'Grady: pp. 88-92 Heiner: Healthy nightclubs and recreational substance abuse: From a harm minimization to a healthy settings approach
Reading Week February 16 to 23		
Feb 24	Social disorganization	
Feb 26	Learning theory	O'Grady: pp. 97-98 Heiner: Techniques of neutralization
Feb 28	Control theories	O'Grady: pp. 95-97; 116-123 Heiner: A control theory of delinquency
Mar 3	Control theories	
Mar 5	Control theories	
Mar 7	Examination II	
Mar 10	Societal reactionism	O'Grady: pp. 98-102 Heiner: Moral panics in history Heiner: On being sane in insane places Heiner: The classic moral panic
Mar 12	Societal reactionism	
Mar 14	Societal reactionism	
Mar 17	Conflict theory	O'Grady: Chapter 7 Heiner: Regulation, white-collar crime and The Bank of Credit and Commerce International Heiner: Corruption scandals in America and Europe: Enron and EU fraud in comparative perspective
Mar 19	Conflict theory	
Mar 21	Conflict theory	
Mar 24	Feminism	O'Grady: pp. 106-113; 165-171 Heiner: Women in Lesotho and the (Western) construction of homophobia Heiner: Prostitution and the status of

		women in South Korea
Mar 26	Feminism	
Mar 28	Feminism	
Mar 31	Critical theories	O'Grady: Chapter 6
April 2	Critical theories	
April 4	Critical theories	
April 7	Responding to crime	O'Grady: Chapter 8
April 9	Responding to crime	
April 11	Conclusion	None
April 14	Conclusion	

Other Administrative Information

Emergency Evacuations

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom/lab, please proceed to the assembly point by *Professional Faculties - Food Court*.

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://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/DFE%20F&W.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.