



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

Faculty of Arts Department of Sociology

Sociology Department Home Page: <http://www.soci.ucalgary.ca> Sociology 325(L02)-Introduction to Deviance and Social Control Course Outline, Winter 2019

Winter 2019	MWF 9:00am-9:50am	MFH162
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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.

Objectives/Learning Outcomes

Students in Introduction to Deviance and Social Control should focus on how to:

1. Identify the differences between positivist and constructionist perspectives on crime, deviance, and social control.
2. Identify the most salient problems with measuring crime.
3. Explain ways in which crime statistics are generated.
4. Explain the main assumptions of each approach to crime, deviance and social control.
5. Evaluate the potential of each perspective examined.
6. Identify the key challenges of current responses to crime.

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 some 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. (2014). *Crime in Canadian context: Debates and controversies* (3rd ed.). Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press.

A **reader** accompanies the text:

Heiner, R. (Ed.). (2014). *Deviance across cultures* (2nd ed.). 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 Desire2Learn (D2L). D2L 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 I	30%	February 6
Mid-Term II	30%	March 11
Final Examination	40%	TBA, scheduled by the Registrar's Office

Based upon lectures and assigned readings, exams will be in true-false and 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. Examinations are **not** cumulative.

Grading Scale:

Letter grades will be assigned and submitted to the registrar based on the following scale:

Grade	Percent range	Grade Point Value	Description
A+	96 – 100%	4.0	Outstanding performance
A	90 – 95.99%	4.0	Excellent-superior performance
A-	85 – 89.99%	3.7	
B+	80 – 84.99%	3.3	
B	75 – 79.99%	3.0	Good – clearly above average performance
B-	70 – 74.99%	2.7	
C+	67 – 69.99%	2.3	
C	63 – 66.99%	2.0	Satisfactory - basic understanding
C-	59 – 62.99%	1.7	
D+	55 – 58.99%	1.3	
D	50 – 54.99%	1.0	Minimal pass - marginal performance
F	<50%	0	unsatisfactory performance

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

Reading/Class Schedule

Before reviewing the schedule below, please be aware that it is expected to be **flexible**. Some topics may require more time than scheduled. Students should ensure that they have completed the readings before each class.

Date	Topic	Chapters to have read	
		Text (O'Grady)	Reader (Heiner)
January 11	Introduction	None	None
January 14	Definitions of crime and deviance	None	Chapters 2, 6
January 16	Definitions of crime and deviance	None	Chapters 2, 6
January 18	Knowledge construction	Chapter 1	Chapters 11, 12
January 21	Knowledge construction	Chapter 1	Chapters 11, 12
January 23	Knowledge construction	Chapter 1	Chapters 11, 12

Date	Topic	Chapters to have read	
January 25	The demonic	p.64-65	Chapters 15, 32
January 28	The demonic	p.64-65	Chapters 15, 32
January 30	The classical approach	p.65-73; p.129-137	None
February 1	The classical approach	p.65-73; p.129-137	None
February 4	The classical approach	p.65-73; p.129-137	None
February 6	Mid-Term I	Based on above readings and lectures	Based on above readings and lectures
February 8	Documentary	None	None
February 11	Pathology	p.73-85	Chapters 25, 35, 37
February 13	Pathology	p.73-85	Chapters 25, 35, 37
February 15	Pathology	p.73-85	Chapters 38, 40
February 25	Functionalism	p.87-88	Chapter 1
February 27	Functionalism	p.87-88	Chapter 1
March 1	Functionalism	p.87-88	Chapter 1
March 4	Strain theory	p.93-96; p. 125-128	Chapter 3
March 6	Strain theory	p.93-96; p. 125-128	Chapter 3
March 8	Strain theory	p.93-96; p. 125-128	Chapter 3
March 11	Mid-Term II	Based on above readings and lectures	Based on above readings and lectures
March 13	Social disorganization	p.88-92	Chapter 26
March 15	Social disorganization	p.88-92	Chapter 26
March 18	Learning theory	p.98-99	None
March 20	Learning theory	p.98-99	None
March 22	Control theories	p.117-125	Chapter 5
March 25	Control theories	p.117-125	Chapter 5
March 27	Societal reactionism	p.99-102	Chapters 7, 14, 16, 36
March 29	Societal reactionism	p.99-102	Chapters 7, 14, 16, 36

Date	Topic	Chapters to have read	
April 1	Conflict theory	Chapter 7	Chapters 9, 10, 31
April 3	Conflict theory	Chapter 7	Chapters 9, 10, 31
April 5	Critical approaches	Chapter 6	Chapters 18, 19, 20
April 8	Critical approaches	Chapter 6	Chapters 18, 19, 20
April 10	Conclusion	None	None
April 12	BSD	None	None

Passing Grades

In order to pass the course, students must obtain 50% or more overall as per the grading scale.

Grade Reappraisal

Within two weeks of the date of the return of each examination grade, students seeking reappraisal may submit a written response to the instructor explaining the basis for reconsideration of the mark. The instructor will reconsider the assigned grade and book a time to meet with the student. A re-assessed grade may be increased, decreased, or remain the same.

Technology Use

Electronic devices are common in Canadian classrooms. While they can be very effective in assisting students in the learning process, they can also be very distracting if not used properly. Students are encouraged to reflect on how their use of electronic devices affects their learning and how it affects others around them.

Email

Electronic mail is a convenient way for students to communicate with professors. If not used properly, however, email use can become problematic. Before sending an email, please attempt to obtain information from the course outline. Please email me for administrative purposes only, for example, to set up an appointment. Please do not use email as a substitute for an office visit. Questions regarding course content, student challenges, grades, or other personal issues should be dealt with in person during my office hours.

Handing in Papers, Assignments

1. The main Sociology Department office does not deal with any course-related matters. Please speak directly to your instructor.
2. Protection of Privacy: The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) legislation does not allow students to retrieve any course material from public places. Anything that requires handing back will be returned directly during class or office hours.

If students are unable to pick up their assignments from the instructor, they provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology Department. They are only available online.

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 Faculty 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

Please refer to the website listed below for information on University of Calgary policies on Plagiarism/Cheating/Other Academic Misconduct: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>

Deferrals

When possible, please provide advance notice if you are unable to write an exam or complete/turn-in assignments 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 health issue rather than after recovery. Deferrals will be allowed in the following circumstances: illness, domestic affliction or religious conviction. Travel arrangements, misreading the syllabus, and scheduling conflicts with other classes or employment 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: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/student-forms>

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: https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/files/registrar/deferred_termwork15_0.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).

Student Representation

The 2018-19 Students' Union VP Academic is Jessica Revington: email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca. For more information, and to contact other elected officials with the Student's Union, please visit this link: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/about/who-we-are/elected-officials/>

You may also wish to contact the Student Ombudsperson for help with a variety of University-related matters: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/contact>

Emergency Evacuations

In the case of fire or other emergency evacuation of this classroom, please proceed to the Education Block - Food Court. Please check these assembly point locations for all of your classes at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

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" lines located across Campus.

Academic Accommodation

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy. Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy. Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the course instructor.

Student Resources

[SU Wellness Centre](#)

[Campus Mental Health Strategy](#)