

**University of Guelph**  
**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**  
**Sociology 3750 - Police in Society**  
**Fall 2024**

### **Details**

**Time & Location:** Tuesdays & Thursdays Alex 100 – 2:30-3:50 PM

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### **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

All readings on electronic reserve (ARES)

### **ASSESSMENT**

Test 1 (25%) – Oct 17<sup>th</sup> in class

Test 2 (25%) – Nov 21<sup>st</sup> in class

1000-word video assessment assignment (20%) – Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 PM

2500-word final term paper (30%) – Due Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 PM

### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This course is fundamentally about the relationship between the police and society. We will be discussing several issues, including (but not limited to) training, stress & anxiety, misconduct, the role of technology, crime prevention, and racial profiling. The course is designed to familiarize you with the most important research and debates in what is now a huge body of literature. Getting the most out of *Police in Society* will require you to be intellectually curious so you can fully appreciate and benefit from the many different approaches scholars use to think about policing-related issues.

### **Learning Outcomes**

1. Analyze, evaluate, and apply specific theoretical frameworks to policing.
2. Assess the reliability and validity of research methods in relation to police scholarship.
3. Write clearly, professionally, and with precision while addressing complex and/or sensitive issues.
4. Critically reflect on culture, social relations, and social structures to develop a broader and deeper understanding of policing.

These learning outcomes map directly onto the outcomes established by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.