University of Guelph   Department of Sociology and Anthropology

SOC 1500 / Crime and Criminal Justice / Winter 2023
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Course Overview
This class is an introduction to the sociological study of crime and criminal justice. Students will gain an understanding of the major criminological and sociological theoretical explanations of crime. We will explore a variety of types of crimes and criminal activities in order to understand the criminal justice setting in Canada for both youth and adults. After focusing on core sociological theories of crime, this class will explore topics including police, courts, corrections, and youth involvement with crime and the criminal justice system. By the end of this class, students will have an understanding of the major criminological explanations of crime and the nature of the criminal justice system in Canada.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of this course, successful students will be able to:
- Utilize some key sociological theories to understand social issues related to crime.
- Critically reflect on culture, social relations and social structures in order to develop a broader and deeper understanding of the Canadian criminal justice system.
- Communicate effectively, accurately and professionally in their written work.
- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity, analytic, problem-solving, decision-making and listening skills at both an individual and group level.

Evaluation Components
Revel Reading Questions	5%	
Two Term Tests	20% (10% each)	
Research Question	5%	
Research Proposal	20%	
Final Research Essay	25%	
Take-Home Final Exam	25%	Written on CourseLink.

Readings: The textbook for this class is an interactive e-book available via Pearson's Revel Platform called "Introduction to Criminal Justice" by Kelly Gorkoff. Assigned readings are a core component of the class and are required.

This draft outline is for informational purposes only; a complete outline will be provided via CourseLink on the first day of classes.