

**University of Guelph**  
**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**  
**SOC 1500 02 – Crime and Criminal Justice**  
**Winter 2025**  
**Tuesdays, 7:00 pm – 9:50 pm**  
**ROZH 104**

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**Course Topic**

SOC 1500 provides an introduction to the sociological study of crime and criminal justice. Throughout the semester, students will discover how crime is defined, measured, explained, and addressed in Canadian society. Students will learn how crime is understood by major sociological and criminological theoretical perspectives. Together we will examine and critically assess a variety of types of crimes and criminal activities, as well as punishment and prevention approaches. Topics include the criminal justice system in Canada, core sociological explanations of crime, police, courts, punishment, incarceration, and youth and corrections. Throughout the course, we will consider how the criminal justice system intersects with (and impacts people along lines of) race, gender, sexuality, and Indigeneity.

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify, describe, and critically assess key approaches to understanding crime.
- Connect and apply course concepts and sociological theories to empirical research, case studies, and the real-world.
- Reflect on definitions of crime and the impact these definitions have for social policy, social issues, and individuals and communities that experience marginalization.
- Contribute to a thoughtful and informed dialogue regarding the Canadian criminal justice system and its relationship with social structure, social exclusion, and Canadian culture.
- Find and use academic and non-academic sources to develop and support written arguments.
- Engage in thoughtful and respectful online discussion.
- Cultivate skills for personal organization, personal responsibility, and time management.

**Course Materials**

Required Text: “Introduction to Criminal Justice” by Kelly Gorkoff. This interactive e-text is available via Pearson’s Revel Platform or from the UoG Bookstore. \$84.99

All other assigned readings will be available on CourseLink or on reserve at the library.

## Evaluation Components

<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
<b>TEST 1</b>	Test comprised of multiple choice and true/false type questions.	15%
<b>OUTLINE</b>	Write an outline of your proposed paper. This involves identifying a crime, locating non-academic sources, and selecting theories to use in the paper.	10%
<b>TEST 2</b>	Test comprised of multiple choice and true/false type questions.	15%
<b>PAPER</b>	Drawing from your sources, apply your two theories to your crime example.	20%
<b>REFLECTION</b>	Write a reflection about what you learned about your personal learning style and learning process through working on a test and assignment.	5%
<b>TEST 3</b>	Final Exam / Test comprised of multiple choice and true/false type questions.	15%
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	Participate in online Kahoot surveys based upon the lecture content.	10%
<b>REVEL</b>	Engage with the Gorkoff text through completing study questions built into the online textbook.	5%
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Make posts in online discussion groups, across the semester.	5%

*Please note that this web outline is for informational purposes only and is subject to change. A complete course syllabus will be available on CourseLink on the first day of classes.*