University of Guelph

College of Social and Applied Human Sciences

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

**Crime and Criminal Justice**

**SOC 1500 02**

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Course Description:

This course introduces students to the sociological study of crime and criminal justice. Students will discover how crime is defined, measured, explained and addressed in Canadian society. Students will do so by reviewing theories of crime and criminology and major sociological perspectives, and by investigating a variety of substantive topics such as street crime, white- collar crime, organized crime, political crime, and crime involving youth. Students will also read contemporary Case Studies of crimes committed in Canada that is presented via a custom designed Coursepack that was written especially for this class. Students will have the opportunity to have the opportunity to discuss these occurrences in class with their peers.

Course Objectives

The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive overview of the sociological study of crime. By the end of this course, students will be able to effectively analyze a variety of perspectives related to crime and criminal justice in Canada, reflect on how crime is defined and how those definitions determine how crime will be addressed and how social policies are ultimately developed by stakeholders to address crime. Students will also be able to communicate effectively and skillfully as they are provided with opportunities to discuss and debate issues and the Case Studies in class and on-line.

Format:

This course will include one class each week, Tuesdays from 7-7:50 pm in WMEM 103 . The course includes lectures, videos, speakers, as well as in-class interactive questions students will answer via TopHat on their computer or mobile device.

Required Readings

- O’Grady, William. 2018. *Crime in Canadian Context: Debates and Controversies*, 4th Edition. Toronto: Oxford University Press. E-TEXT: EISBN 13: 9780199025992

- Behnke-Cook, Deanna, 2021. *TopHat: Introduction to Criminology: Canadian Case Studies JOIN CODE IS 770685*

- Any additional readings will be posted on Courselink.

Evaluation

*Grades will be determined based on the following requirements:*

Midterm Exam 20%

TopHat Questions embedded in PP slides 10%

TopHat Canadian Case Study Questions 20%

Essay Proposal 5%

Essay 15%

Final Exam 30%

*PLEASE NOTE….*

We will be using the TopHat digital learning platform which is comprised of this term's online Case Studies Coursepack and the in-class response system I will be using. There are two texts you are required to read: “Crime in the Canadian Context” (O’Grady) and “Introduction to Criminology: Canadian Case Studies” (Behnke-Cook). **Embedded within the Case Studies Coursepack are interactive questions pertaining to the readings, which will be factored into your overall grade for the course (worth 20% of your final grade).** The **in-class response system will allow you to answer in-lecture questions via your mobile phone or laptop, which will also factor into your overall grade for the course (worth 10% of your final grade).** To gain access to the Top Hat course we will be working from, (so you can begin working with the textbooks as well as participate in in-class questions), follow the link and instructions in the course invitation sent to your University of Guelph email address. You will be charged $65 at checkout when attempting to access the course. Access cards (with codes that can be input at the checkout page) for the textbooks and in-class response system can also be purchased at the University of Guelph bookstore, but may be subject to a price mark-up. If you run into any problems signing for Top Hat or gaining access to the course, email [support@tophat.com](mailto:support@tophat.com).