

**University of Guelph**  
**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**  
**Sociology 2070 - Social Deviance**  
**Fall 2024**

## **DETAILS**

**Time & Location:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 PM - 2:20 PM, THRN 1200

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## **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

1. Bereska, Tami. (2022) *Deviance, Conformity, and Social Control in Canada*. Toronto: Pearson **6th Edition (E-text)**.
2. Various readings on electronic course reserve (ARES) via the library.

## **ASSESSMENT**

1. Theory application assignment (20%) – October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 PM
2. Test #1 (25%) – Oct 17<sup>th</sup> (in class only)
3. Theory critique assignment (20%) – November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:59 PM
4. Partially cumulative final exam (35%) – TBA

## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

Welcome to Social Deviance. This course has been designed to give you an introduction to the sociology of deviance. The course begins by theorizing deviance in a variety of different ways before going on to critically examine deviance in myriad forms and contexts (e.g., crime and delinquency, subcultures, body modification, mental illness, etc.). There will be several recurring themes, including (but not limited to) the relationship between deviance and identity, the connection between deviance and social stigma, and the significance of formal and informal measures of social control.

### **Learning Outcomes**

- (1) Analyze, evaluate, and apply specific theoretical frameworks.
- (2) Assess the reliability and validity of research methods in relation to deviance 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 social deviance.

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