

University of Guelph
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Sociology 2070 - Social Deviance
Winter 2022

DETAILS¹

Time & Location: TBA

Format: Face-to-face lecture.

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

1. Bereska, Tami. (2022) Deviance, Conformity, and Social Control in Canada. Toronto: Pearson **6th Edition (E-text)**. A hard copy (loose leaf) is also available for purchase.
2. Various readings on electronic course reserve (ARES) via the library.

ASSESSMENT

1. Theory application assignment (20%)
2. Test (25%)
3. Theory critique assignment (20%)
4. Partially cumulative final exam (35%)

COURSE OVERVIEW

Welcome to Social Deviance. This course has been designed to give you a thorough 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, terrorism etc.). There will be a number of 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 in order to develop a broader and deeper understanding of social deviance.

¹ Disclaimer: Please note that the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic may necessitate a revision of the format of course offerings, changes in classroom protocols, and academic schedules. Any such changes will be announced via CourseLink and/or class email. This includes on-campus scheduling during the semester, mid-terms and final examination schedules. All University-wide decisions will be posted on the COVID-19 website (<https://news.uoguelph.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus-information/>) and circulated by email.