

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**  
**SOC 3710**  
**YOUTH JUSTICE**  
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**Course Outline and Objectives**

This course is designed to introduce students to selected topics on youth crime and youth justice in Canada. The course will cover the principles of how the criminal justice system deals with young people who come into conflict with the law, the nature and extent of youth crime in Canada, and various theories that attempt to explain it. Special issues to be addressed in the course will include: a critical analysis of The Youth Criminal Justice Act and amendments which have been made to the Act; youth gangs; street youth; the long-term consequences of youthful deviance; criminalized females; and state (police, courts and correctional system) responses to youthful offending. The objectives of the course can be achieved through remote access.

**Readings: TBA**

**Evaluation**

Mid-term .....30%  
Term paper ..... 30% (details will be discussed after classes start)  
Final Exam.....40%