**SOC 3740**

This course examines the history of corrections and penology in Canada. We will map out the political struggles and cultural shifts that led to the establishment of prisons as the preeminent modern form of punishment. Consideration will be given to the meanings, justifications, and purposes of punishment in relation to its broader social, cultural, political, and economic contexts. Theory and empirical research will be used to demystify the connections between social forces that both affect and are affected by corrections, penology & the criminal justice system. Topics include, the history of punishment, punishment ideologies, recent trends in penal policy and practice, correctional institutions and officers, prison inmates, gendered practices, the impact of the criminal justice system on Indigenous and racialized groups, alternatives to punishment and other crime prevention approaches.

Evaluation for this lecture-style third year course includes written work (an outline), a presentation (comprised of pre-recoded audio and PowerPoint slides), in-class participation (via kahoot-based surveys) and two application-based tests.