

University of Guelph Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Sociology 3750 - Police in Society
Winter 2022

DETAILS¹

Time & Location: TBA

Format: Face-to-face lecture.

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

Readings on electronic reserve (ARES)

ASSESSMENT

Test 1 (25%)

Test 2 (25%)

1000 word written assignment (20%)

2500 word research paper (30%)

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is fundamentally about the relationship between the police and society. We will be discussing a number of issues, including training, stress & anxiety, misconduct, the role of technology, crime prevention, and race & inequality. The course is designed to familiarize you with the most important research and debates in what is now a huge body of literature. Getting the most out of *Police in Society* will require you to be intellectually curious so you can fully appreciate and benefit from the many different approaches that scholars use to think about policing-related issues. SOC 3750 is a research and writing intensive course.

Learning Outcomes

1. Analyze, evaluate, and apply specific theoretical frameworks to policing.
2. Assess the reliability and validity of research methods in relation to police 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 policing.

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

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.