**University of Guelph**

**Department of Sociology and Anthropology**

**SOC 4200 – Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice**

**Winter 2024**

This section of SOC 4200 is designed to encourage thought and critical engagement with criminological research and design. The course will build upon and extend the skills and knowledge students have acquired in the first three years of the CJPP program. Over the course of the semester, students will design a hypothetical research project on a criminology-related topic of their choosing. Through a mix of lecture, guest lectures, independent study, group work, and class discussion, students will learn about criminological research design, qualitative and quantitative methods in criminology, the role of theory, ethical considerations, recruitment strategies, and data analysis and knowledge translation approaches. Through taking this course, students will develop an appreciation for the research design process which supports and enables much of the field of criminology.

Evaluation for this course involves written work and in-class participation. The three main written assignments (Outline, Literature Review, and Methodology) can be written in a group or individually. Smaller written reflections (on the readings and other aspects of the course) will be written individually.