

**Western University
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

SOCIOLOGY 2266a/002: Introduction to Criminology 2016-2017

Mondays 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:30 am

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OWL: <http://owl.uwo.ca>

Course Description:

This course will provide students with an introduction to the sociological aspects of crime in Canada and the discipline of criminology, in general. Topics such as crime measurement and the causes and social explanations of criminal behaviour will be examined. The course will examine three areas of criminology. First, the course will introduce students to classic criminological theories, such as routine activity theory, differential association, and rational choice. Next, other fields which have influenced the discipline of criminology, such as psychological explanations of crime, will be examined. Lastly, the course will introduce students to a few specialized areas of criminology such as human trafficking, violent crime, wrongful convictions, and criminal law. The purpose of this course is to provide students with a broad overview of the discipline of criminology with a focus on Canadian crime.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 from Sociology: 1020, 1021E, 1025A/B, 1026A/B, 1027A/B.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Required Texts

Winterdyk, John

2016 **Canadian Criminology**. 3rd ed. Toronto: Oxford

In addition there may be assigned readings placed on the OWL homepage in a folder (Readings - OWL).

Assessment

First test	20%
Second test	25%
Assignment	20%
Cumulative Final examination	<u>35%</u>
	100%

Learning Outcomes

The successful student will be able to:

1. Understand and apply basic criminological concepts.
2. Understand the basic elements of the main criminological traditions and perspectives.
3. Think critically about knowledge and practices related to criminology and criminal justice.
4. Better understand and critique current reality as it relates to crime, its causes and the actions of stakeholders.

These outcomes will be assessed in multiple choice tests/exams and a writing assignment.

Accessing the Class Homepage via OWL

Much of the material for this course has been placed on the class homepage established on OWL and students are expected to log in to their OWL account (and the class homepage) during the first week of class in order to insure that everything is working properly. The homepage for this course will contain a number of different folders that will contain things like the course outline, lecture overheads, reference works, readings, and grades, etc. If you have trouble configuring your computer, please contact ITS immediately either by phone (661-3800) or email helpdesk@uwo.ca

Lectures: Policy on Laptops in Class and Electronics

The use of laptops is permitted in class for the sole purpose of 'note-taking'. All cell phones are to be turned off during class, unless a student has an impending emergency and has cleared 'vibrate-mode' with Professor Balandin.

Scantron Exams

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams will be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Grades and Grading

Grades (except the final year-end mark) will be posted to the OWL site as they become available. This website also gives the criteria that the TA will use to assign a grade to the essay.

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- "A"s not to exceed "B"s
- Means in the range of 66-70%

Missed Exams and Late Assignments

Make-up exams will be granted with approved documentation only. If you have a conflict with one of the exam dates, it is your responsibility to discuss it with the Academic Counseling office at least one week before the regularly scheduled exam and provide documentation of the conflict. If approved, you will be allowed to schedule a make-up exam. If you miss an exam date or the due date for an assignment due to illness or for any other unforeseen reason, you must provide notification of and documentation for the reasons for your circumstances to your Academic Counselor within 48 hours. If your problem is medical in nature, you should be seen by your doctor on the date of the exam or on the date the assignment is due. If your Academic Counselor agrees that your reasons are legitimate and are supported by your medical doctor's documentation, you will be allowed to write a makeup exam or hand in your assignment at a later date.

THE FINAL EXAMINATION WILL BE TWO HOURS LONG AND WILL COVER THE WHOLE YEAR WITH EMPHASIS ON THE LAST SECTION. IT WILL BE HELD DURING THE FINAL EXAMINATION PERIOD.

Plagiarism

Senate regulations require that the following be on this course outline: "Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Turnitin.com

The University of Western Ontario subscribes to Turnitin.com, an online company that evaluates essays for plagiarism. Once your essay is complete, submit it to Turnitin by going into the "Assignment" folder on the OWL course home page, click on the Assignment Title, then follow the instructions.

Your paper must be uploaded on or before the due date for your essay. Your uploaded file must include (1) a title page giving your name, (2) the text itself and (3) the bibliography for your essay.

Course Requirement

Uploading to Turnitin is a course requirement and **no** grade will be recorded for an essay until uploading is verified.

Senate regulations require that students be made aware of the following: "All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to licensing agreement, currently between the University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation:

http://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/medical_accommodation.html

Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website:

www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html

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Mental Health

Students who are in **emotional/mental distress** should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html) for a complete list of options how to obtain help.

Email

Every student has been assigned a UWO email address by the Registrar's office. If you have not as yet activated that account, you should do so immediately. The ITS desk on the second floor of the Natural Science Building can help you with questions about your account.

Every so often Professor Balandin will be sending out mass emails to the class and you are responsible for any information (about exams, your grade, missed assignments, etc.) in those emails. This means that you are expected to check your UWO account at least once a week.

If you have your UWO mail forwarded to another account (Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.), it is your responsibility to insure that messages do not bounce back because your email quota has been exceeded.

If you have any questions about the course, the quickest way to have them answered is to contact Professor Balandin via email. If at all possible, each message will be answered within 2 working days. Please check this syllabus or the course homepage on OWL (<https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>) before writing to see if the information you want is posted there.

Because an active UWO email account is needed to access OWL, and because the use of OWL is an important part of this course, **only** questions sent using your uwo account will receive an answer. When you email, always state in the "Subject" line: **Soc2266a-002**.

Detailed Course Schedule		
Date	Topic	Chapter
Monday, Sept. 12 th	Introduction to the course (objectives, course outline and assignments) and to each other	
Weds. Sept. 14 th	What is Crime?	1
Mon. Sept. 19 th	The Social Construction of Crime	2
Weds. Sept. 21 st	The Social Construction of Crime (cont.)	2
Mon. Sept. 26 th	Measuring Crime	3
Weds. Sept. 28 th	Measuring Crime (cont.)	3
Mon. Oct. 3 rd	Correlates of Victimology	4
Weds. Oct. 5 th	'Wrongful Conviction Day'	
Mon. October 10 th	Thanksgiving – No Class	
Weds. Oct. 12 th	Major Schools of Modern Criminological Thought Group 1 Writing Assignment Due	5
Mon. Oct. 17 th	TEST #1	
Weds. Oct. 19 th	Biosocial Theories	6
Mon. Oct. 24 th	Psychological / Sociological Theories	7, 8
Weds. Oct. 26 th	Psychological / Sociological Theories (cont.)	7, 8
Mon. Oct. 31 st	Violent Crime	9
Weds. Nov. 2 nd	Violent Crime (cont.) Group 2 Writing Assignment Due	9
November 5 th , 2016 – Last day to drop a first-term course without academic penalty		

Mon. Nov. 7 th	Property Crime	10
Weds. Nov. 9 th	Property Crime (cont.)	10
Mon. Nov. 14 th	Test #2	
Weds. Nov. 16 th	Organized Crime, Corporate Crime, and Cybercrime	11
Mon. Nov. 21 st	Organized Crime, Corporate Crime, and Cybercrime	11
Weds. Nov. 23 rd	Crimes against Public Order Group 3 Writing Assignment Due	12
Mon. Nov. 28 th	Guest Speaker	12
Weds. Nov. 30 th	Crimes against Public Order	12
Mon. Dec. 5 th	Emerging Crime Trends	13
Weds. Dec. 7 th	Course wrap up and parting words...	
FINAL EXAMINATION TO BE SCHEDULED WITHIN EXAM PERIOD OF DECEMBER 10TH – 21ST		

This outline is subject to change with sufficient prior notice. It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of changes announced in class. These changes will also be announced on OWL.