

**Western University
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**SOCIOLOGY 2267b/002: Youth in Conflict with the Law
Winter – 2017**

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Course Description:

This course will be an introduction to sociological perspectives on youth in conflict with the law and criminal justice system. The aim of this course is to examine the causes of youth crime and how the justice system functions in the regulation of young offenders. The course provides an overview of various theories of delinquency, as well as an examination of the risk factors associated with delinquency. Lastly, the course will introduce students to a few specialized areas of youth crime in the Canadian context.

Prerequisite(s): Soc2266A/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 and Russell Smandych
2016 **Youth at Risk and Youth Justice**. 2nd edition Toronto: Oxford

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

Assessment

In-class Quiz (Feb. 2).....	20%
Test (Mar. 7)	25%
Group presentation/paper	20%
Cumulative Final examination	<u>35%</u>
	100%

Learning Outcomes

The successful student will be able to:

1. Restate and explain all of the theories related to youth crime.
2. Critically discuss and apply said theories to cases of crime.
3. Identify and explain key risk factors associated with youth crime and apply them to a given situation.
4. These outcomes will be assessed in multiple choice exams, primarily.

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 Ashby.

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%

Group Presentation and Written Assignment (20%)

In groups of four, students will research and present on a topic dealing with the issue of youth who are/have been in conflict with the law. In addition, each group is required to submit a paper documenting their research findings.

Format: The assignment will be written as a formal essay (1500 words). Marks will be deducted for a word count significantly over or under the requirement. Students are to use proper APA citation style for in text citation, title page, page numbers and the reference page. You must remember to cite all information from any source. Citation information can be found at www.lib.uwo.ca/files/styleguides/APA.pdf. Spelling and grammar will be assessed.

Assignment Submission: All electronic submissions are to be uploaded using the OWL assignment drop box no later than one week following their presentation by 5 PM (e.g. if your group presents on Thursday, February 16th, your group paper is to be uploaded by February 23rd at 5:00 pm). There will be a 3% deduction per day (including weekends) for assignments submitted past the deadline; for example, if you received 65% on your assignment, but it was 2 days late, you would receive a 59%.

Further details and instructions for the group presentation and group writing assignment will be addressed in class.

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.

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 "Essay" folder on the OWL course home page, hit the "Turnitin" icon (a computer), 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 Ashby 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 disk quota is full.

If you have any questions about the course, the quickest way to have them answered is to contact Professor Ashby via email. If at all possible, each message will be answered within 2 working days. Please check this syllabus or the course homepage on WebCT before writing to see if the information you want is posted there.

Because an active UWO email account is needed to access OWL, and 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: **Soc 2267-002** in order for Professor Ashby to determine about what class you are speaking.

Detailed Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Chapter(s)
Thurs. Jan. 5 th	Introduction of Course and Evaluation Criteria	
Tues. Jan. 10 th	Historical Development of the Concept of Juvenile Crime and the Social Construction of Youth Problems	1 and 5
Thurs. Jan. 12 th		
Tues. Jan. 17 th	Measuring Youth Crime	2 and 6
Thurs. Jan. 19 th	Youth Deviance and the Media	
Tues. Jan. 24 th	Youth and the Youth Criminal Justice System	3 and 4
Thurs. Jan. 26 th		
Tues. Jan. 31 st	In the Beginning - Theories	
Thurs. Feb. 2 nd	In-class Quiz	
Tues. Feb. 7 th	New Theoretical Directions	8
Thurs. Feb. 9 th		
Tues. Feb. 14 th	At Risk Youth in a Risk Society	9
Thurs. Feb. 16 th	Presentation – Group 1	
Feb. 21 st and Feb. 23 rd	NO classes – Reading Week	
Tues. Feb. 28 th	Sexual Exploitation of Young Males	14
Thurs. Mar. 2 nd	Presentation – Group 2	
March 7th, 2017 LAST DAY TO DROP A SECOND TERM HALF COURSE WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY		
Tues. Mar. 7 th	In-class Test	
Thurs. Mar. 9 th	Presentation – Group 3	

Tues. Mar. 14 th	Young Female Offenders	7
Thurs. Mar. 16 th	Presentation – Group 4	
Tues. Mar. 21 st	Youth Gangs and Aboriginal Young Offenders	11 and 12
Thurs. Mar. 23 rd	Presentation – Group 5	
Tues. Mar. 28 th	Substance Abuse, Street Involvement	10 and 13
Thurs. Mar. 30 th	Presentation – Group 6	
Tues. April 4 th	Justice and Equity Issues in the Criminal Youth Justice System	15 and 16
Thurs. April 6 th	Equity Issues (cont.) and Loose Ends	
FINAL EXAMINATION TO BE SCHEDULED WITHIN EXAM PERIOD OF APRIL 9TH TO THE 30TH		

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.