



## Western University

### SOCIOLOGY 2267A - 650 Youth in Conflict with the Law Fall 2018

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#### **Course Description:**

This course will review sociological perspectives on youth criminal offending and on the legal and moral regulation of youth in Canada. Canadian social policies with respect to the criminal behaviour of young persons will also be examined. Students will be expected to participate in weekly on-line discussions of the readings worth 35% of your final grade.

#### **Course Prerequisite(s):** Sociology 2266 A/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. The 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. It is student's responsibilities to check that you have the prerequisites for this course.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course students will be able to

- Identify, analyze and evaluate a variety of theoretical perspectives of criminology, and assess the conceptual differences among them.
- Apply theory and sociological research to interpret youth crime and social responses to it.
- Read, synthesize and evaluate theoretical arguments and published research on youth crime from a critical perspective.
- Understand and demonstrate the competent use of different quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- Demonstrate effective written communication skills and the ability to discuss ideas clearly and articulately.

#### **Required Text:**

Bell, Sandra J. (2015). *Young Offenders and Youth Justice A Century After the Fact*. Fifth Edition. Nelson Education.

#### **Format:**

This course is online. The midterm and final examinations will be written in person at your examination centre.

**Method of Evaluation:**

This course is online and students will be required to participate in weekly online discussions worth 35% of your final grade. Students will also be required to write a midterm and final examination in person at your examination centre.

**Evaluation Breakdown:**

**Weekly Online Participation/Discussion** 35% of final grade.

**Midterm Examination: Saturday October 27, 2018 (End of Unit 6) (date to be confirmed)**  
30%

**Final examination: Final Examination Period December 10 – 21, 2018 (pending)** 35%

**Grade Guidelines**

The Department of Sociology has grade distribution guidelines that all instructors are required to follow. For Sociology courses at the 2100 and 2200 level:

\* A's are not to exceed B's, and

\* Class averages must be in the range of 69-73%

**How to Contact Me:**

Please contact me through the course mail/message or through email at [llyons@uwo.ca](mailto:llyons@uwo.ca)

**How to get important information:**

I will post important course information in the Getting Started Module on the course homepage. Other information will be posted in Forums: Course Information. You can also post questions in this Forum.

**Important Policies****Policies for Assignment Deadlines and Examinations:**

Weekly online participation is due on Sunday at midnight (11:59pm Eastern Time Zone) and I will post a weekly grade for your participation.

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.

### **A Note on Plagiarism:**

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence. The Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar

[www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf).

### ***Plagiarism Checking:***

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking 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 the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

### **Policies on Examinations:**

Electronic devices are not allowed during tests and examinations, i.e. you will not be permitted to use a cell phone or laptop during tests or examinations.

### **Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness**

Western's policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://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](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 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website: [http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated\\_exams.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html)

### **Scholastic Offences**

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:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf).

## **Mental Health**

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

### Course Schedule and Readings:

September 10 – Unit 1	The Rise and Fall of Delinquency	Bell, ch. 1
September 17 - Unit 2	Creating a Juvenile Justice System: Then and Now	Bell, ch. 2
September 24 - Unit 3	The “Facts” of Youth Crime	Bell, ch. 3
October 1 - Unit 4	The Social Face of Youth Crime	Bell, ch. 4
October 8 – 12	Fall Reading Week	
October 15 – Unit 5	Explaining Crime and Delinquency: In The Beginning...	Bell, ch. 5
October 22 - Unit 6	Different Directions in Theorizing About The Youth Crime Problem	Bell, ch. 6
<b>October 27</b>	<b>Midterm Examination (to be confirmed)</b>	<b>Units 1-5</b>
October 29 – Unit 7	Family, School, Peers, And The Youth Crime Problem	Bell, ch. 7
November 5 – Unit 8	First Contact: Police And Diversionary Measures	Bell, ch. 8
November 12- Unit 9	Going To Court	Bell, ch. 9
November 19 - Unit 10	Youth Corrections: Going To Jail	Bell, ch. 10
November 26 - Unit 11	Perpetuating Social Injustice	Bell, ch. 11
December 3 - Unit 12	A Century After The Fact: What Do We Know? Where Are We Going?	Bell, ch. 12
December 7	Last Day of Class	
December 10 – 21	Final Exam Period (pending)	Units 6-12

Please check Department of Sociology web site for class cancellations or changes:

<http://sociology.uwo.ca>