Course Description

The purpose of this course is to help students develop a comprehensive understanding of issues relating to childhood deviance and the treatment of young offenders within the Canadian criminal justice system. Selected topics will include issues surrounding youth violence, female criminal behaviour, gang-related activity, and legislation dealing with youth in trouble with the law.

Prerequisites

The prerequisite for this course is Sociology 1020 or 1021E.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites. If you do not have the requisites for this course, and you do not have written special permission from your Dean to enrol in this course, you will 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 Text


Additional supplemental readings may be assigned. These readings will be uploaded on Sakai.

Evaluation

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Examinations

The exams are non-cumulative. The tests and final exam will be made up of multiple choice, true/false and long answer/essay questions. You will be tested on materials covered in the textbook, assigned readings, lecture slides and online class discussions. Each exam is scheduled for 3 hours in length.

Course Schedule

Jan 9/11  Introduction

Jan 16/18  Historical and Contemporary Trends in Canadian Youth Justice

Jan 23/25  Youth Problems

Jan 30/Feb 1  Theories of Youth Crime

Feb 6/8  Family, School, Peers and Youth Crime

Feb 13/15  Gender and Youth Crime

Feb 20/22  READING WEEK

Feb 27  Midterm Exam (12:30-3:30 in Elborn College, Room 2168)

Mar 6/8  Children and Youth in the Sex Trade

Mar 13/15  Youth Gangs

Mar 20/22  Youth in the Sex Trade

Mar 27/29  Judicial Process of Juvenile Offenders (Canada)

Apr 3/5  Juvenile Justice

Apr 10  Wrap-Up

Apr 14-30  FINAL EXAM - to be scheduled by Registrar.
The University of Western Ontario Academic Policies and Regulations

Grade Guidelines

Department of Sociology guidelines require a particular course grade distribution, which may require curving or otherwise adjusting your course grade in order to meet this requirement. As much as possible, your earned course grade will be the grade you receive. **For 2200-level courses, the course mean is to be between a 66-70%, and there are to be more Bs than As.**

Laptop Policy

**Laptops are generally prohibited in this course.** However, if you believe that your academic performance will be unduly disadvantaged by not being able to use a laptop and can provide a compelling reason for this, please come discuss the matter with me. All students granted leave to use a laptop in class will be required to sit in the last row so as not to distract others.

Mobile Phone Policy

All phones are to be shut off at the start of class, except if you have a dire emergency that you are having to attend to (such as an immediate family member’s illness or hospitalization, or your spouse’s/domestic partner’s impending delivery), in which case you need to let me know at the start of class. **Text messaging is absolutely prohibited during class times.**

Communications

Email is my preferred method of contact. It should be professionally prepared, spell- and grammar-checked, and not written in “text message” format. All communications must be written from your UWO account. The subject heading should read the course title. Sign the email with your full name and student number. Expect a response within 24-48 hours, excluding weekend.

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy: for both Graduate and Undergraduate policies see the following: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf)

Plagiarism

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. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).
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. 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 the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (http://www.turnitin.com).

Scantron Exams

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

Missed Examinations

Make-up exams and extensions on assignments 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 Counselling office at least one week before the regularly scheduled examination and provide documentation of the conflict. If approved, you will be allowed to schedule a make-up exam. If you miss an exam or a due date for an assignment due to illness or for any other unforeseen reason, you must provide notification of and documentation of the reason for missing the exam to your Academic Counsellor within 48 hours of the regularly scheduled exam. If your problem is medical in nature, you should see your doctor on the exam date or due date for the assignment. If your Academic Counsellor agrees that your reason for missing the exam is legitimate and is supported by your medical doctor’s documentation, you will be allowed to write a makeup exam. In the event of other circumstances that cause you to miss an exam or an assignment due date, such as the serious illness or death of a family member, you must inform me as soon as possible, and appropriate documentation (medical certificate from family member’s physician, newspaper notice, death certificate, notification from funeral director) must be submitted to your home faculty Counselling Office as soon as possible.

Compassionate Grounds

Serious Illness of a Family Member: Inform your instructor as soon as possible and submit a medical certificate from the family member’s physician to your home faculty’s Academic Counseling office.

In Case of a Death: Inform your instructor as soon as possible and submit a copy of the newspaper notice, death certificate or documentation provided by the funeral director to your home faculty’s Academic Counseling office.
Late Assignments

You should understand that academic accommodation will not be granted automatically on request. If, due to medical illness, you cannot submit an assignment by the due date, it is your responsibility to follow the University’s new “Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness”. This policy can be accessed at: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf. If you miss 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 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 hand in your assignment at a later date.

Please check Department of Sociology web site (http://sociology.uwo.ca/) for class cancellations or changes

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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.