



## CURRICULUM GUIDE: OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code	SOCI 210	Course Title	Crime and Society			
Credit Value	3	Department	Social Sciences			
No. of weeks	14	Hrs. per week	<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Tutorial</i>	<i>Laboratory</i>	<i>Total</i>
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Course Description	An introduction to the study of crime, criminality and corrections in the context of contemporary Canadian society. The course aims to explain the shifting causes and consequences of crime, including the changing profile of its victims and perpetrators, and to promote critical thinking about official responses to crime.					
Prerequisite(s)	ENGL 100, SOCI 100 or SOCI 103					
Initial Articulation Targets	<i>UBC</i>	<i>SFU</i>	<i>UVic</i>	<i>UNBC</i>	<i>TRU</i>	
	SOCI 250 (3)	SA 1XX (3) Soci	SOCI 2XX (1.5)	SOSC 2XX (3)	SOCI 2500 (3)	
	For updated information on the transferability of this course, please consult the BC Transfer Guide, <a href="http://www.bctransferguide.ca">www.bctransferguide.ca</a>					
Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interpret crime as a social phenomenon by linking the changing definitions of crime to changing social and political developments in society.</li> <li>• Distinguish popular myths about crime from the measurable nature and extent of crime.</li> <li>• Assess and compare various theoretical explanations of crime and criminality.</li> <li>• Connect the dots between the various components of state criminal justice systems and other societal institutions and interest groups.</li> <li>• Critically evaluate the effectiveness of social, legal, and institutional responses to crime.</li> <li>• Identify historical turning points in the penology of crime.</li> <li>• Write an acceptable term paper based on an approved topic that critically examines published research findings on one of the issues described in the course outline.</li> </ul>					
Content	<p><b>Core</b> topics – all of the following will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competing definitions of crime</li> <li>• Mainstream versus critical theories of crime causation</li> <li>• The construction of official statistics</li> <li>• Structure and operation of the Canadian criminal justice system (police, courts, sentencing, corrections)</li> <li>• Types of crime: violent, property, corporate, political, public order, and cyber crime</li> <li>• Impacts of the law, policing, and prisons on crime, criminals, and social order</li> <li>• Incarceration and penal abolition</li> <li>• Influences of race, class, sexuality and gender on the administration of justice</li> </ul>					



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retributive versus restorative justice</li> <li>• Community-based models for reintegrating offenders</li> </ul> <p>Additional topics may also be covered, at the discretion of the instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justice issues and contemporary public policy (e.g., capital punishment, terrorism, gangs, genocide)</li> <li>• Technology and crime control (surveillance, forensic and computer science)</li> <li>• Criminology as a body of knowledge and as a profession</li> </ul>		
Methods of Instruction	Lectures, classroom discussions, audiovisual materials, guest speakers and/or field trips		
Required Textbook(s)	<p>The following textbook(s) is/are required, or approved equivalent(s).</p> <p>Brown, Gregory, Ron Hoffman and Larry Siegel (2017). CRIM: Introduction to Criminology. 3rd Canadian Ed. Nelson Education Ltd. Available on pdf: <a href="https://www.cengage.ca/c/mindtap-instant-access-12-monthsmulti-term-for-brown39s-crim-introduction-to-criminology-3e-brown/hoffman/siegel/9780176712624/?searchisbn=9780176712624">https://www.cengage.ca/c/mindtap-instant-access-12-monthsmulti-term-for-brown39s-crim-introduction-to-criminology-3e-brown/hoffman/siegel/9780176712624/?searchisbn=9780176712624</a> Available online: <a href="http://vitalsource.com/en-ca/products/crim-introduction-to-criminology-gregory-p-brown-v9780176729035">vitalsource.com/en-ca/products/crim-introduction-to-criminology-gregory-p-brown-v9780176729035</a></p> <p>Gehl, R. and Plecas, D. (2017) Introduction to Criminal Investigation, Processes, Practices, and Thinking. Justice Institute of British Columbia.</p> <p>O’Grady, W. Crime in Canadian Context: Debates and Controversies, 5th Ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023.</p>		
Required Equipment and Technology	<p>Students are required to have a computer with internet access.</p> <p>The following resources are provided by the College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office 365</li> <li>• Student email</li> </ul>		
Homework Hours	At minimum, students can expect one hour of homework for every hour of instructional time.		
Evaluation	<i>Component</i>	<i>% Value</i>	
	Participation	10-15%	
	1-3 Term examinations	20-40%	
	Term paper	20-30%	
	Final examination	20-30%	
Completion Requirements	The minimum grade to pass this course is D (50%). Unless otherwise stated, a minimum grade of C- (55%) is required for this course to fulfil a prerequisite.		
Course Designer(s)	Bob Ratner, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia	Consultant(s), if applicable	Chris Mackenzie, Ph.D., Instructor of Sociology, University of British Columbia; Barry Cartwright, Instructor of Criminology, Simon Fraser University
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