

COURSE:	CRCJ 1000 A: Introduction to Criminology
TERM:	Summer 2016
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays 11:30 – 2:30 Wednesdays 11:30 – 2:30 Room: Please check Carleton Central for current room location.
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The objective of this course is to provide an introduction to criminological thought and contemporary criminological questions. This course is designed to ask critical questions: What is crime? What makes someone a criminal? How do we make sense of criminal ‘justice’? How are social, economic and cultural factors related to our notion of crime? How has our perception of criminality changed over time?

After successfully completing this course students will:

- i) understand and use basic criminological concepts;
- ii) have knowledge of the evolution of criminological thought
- iii) have a general understanding of the ideological foundations of criminal justice policy
- iv) have a general understanding of the rationales for punishment
- v) have the foundation to begin thinking critically about the criminal justice system

REQUIRED TEXTS

Boyd, Neil. (2015). *Understanding Crime in Canada: An Introduction to Criminology*.

Course reader available at Octopus Books, 116 Third Avenue.

OR a one year e-book, available at: <http://www.emond.ca/understanding-crime-in-canada-an-introduction-to-criminology.html>

EVALUATION

All components must be completed in order to receive a passing grade

Weekly activities	20% (10 x 2% each)
Mid-term exam	35%
Final exam	45%

Activities

Group and individual activities will be assigned and conducted during each class. Some out of class time will be required to complete assignments. The expectation is that students will be in class in order to participate in the activity. While many of the activities are group based students must submit their own response and will be graded individually. Activities will take place at various points during the lecture and students are responsible for being in the class at the time the activity takes place in order to receive their grade. Each activity is worth 2%. Activities will be graded on the quality of the work, not simply its completion. As there are 11 activities, students may miss 1 class/activity and still receive all their marks. Students can receive a maximum of 10/10 for the participation marks. No bonus marks will be given for extra activities completed.

Activities will be completed through CuLearn and must be submitted by 11:55pm on the day they are assigned. Students are responsible for ensuring that their assignment is properly uploaded in time. Computer/internet problems are not justifications for not completing the activity on time so students should give themselves adequate time to submit their activity in case they need to address a technical problem. There are no late submissions for activities.

Mid-Term

The mid-term will take place on May 25th during class time. The exam will cover course content from weeks 1-6 inclusive. The exam will test students on material from lectures, activities, videos, and readings (including information from the readings we may not have spoken about in class). The format of the exam is closed book and will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and long answer questions. Student identification is required.

Final Exams

The final exam will take place during the final exam period. The exam will cover course content from weeks 8-12 inclusive. The exam will test students on material from lectures, activities, videos, and readings (including information from the readings we may not have spoken about in class). The format of the exam is closed book and will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and long answer questions. Student identification is required.

Make-up Exams

If a student misses the mid-term (either for medical reasons or bereavement), the instructor or TA must be notified within 24 hours of the missed exam in order to qualify to write a make-up exam. Documentation is required to schedule an alternative time for a mid-term. If no documentation is provided, students will receive an incomplete in the course.

If a student misses the final exam, they must contact the appropriate office at the Registrar within the time period specified in the 2015-2016 Undergraduate Calendar. Applications to defer the final examination require full documentation.

POLICIES

Appointments: I am available during my regularly scheduled office hours. If a student would like to meet outside of those hours, please email the instructor or a TA to book an appointment

E-mail: University policy dictates that instructors only send e-mails to students at their Carleton e-mail addresses. When contacting the instructor or TA students are expected to maintain professionalism by using full sentences with proper spelling, grammar and punctuation. E-mails will generally be returned within two business days.

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SCHEDULE**May 2**

Introduction to the course

Week 1

No readings.

May 4

What is criminology?

Week 2

Boyd, Neil. (2015). “Chapter 1: What is criminology”. In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 7-24). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

May 9

What is a crime and why do we punish?

Week 3

Jones, Craig. (2015). “Chapter 3: Criminal law in Canada”. In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 51-68). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

May 11

Crime and the media

Week 4

Steeves, Valerie and Milford, Trevor Scott. (2015). “Chapter 2: The media: Shaping our understanding of crime”. In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 27-46). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

May 16

Counting crime

Week 5

Modern, Hilary Kim and Palys, Ted. (2015). “Chapter 4: Measuring crime”. In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 73-96). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

May 18

Types of crime: Criminalizing marginality

Week 6

Hathaway, Andrew D. and Mostaghim, Amir. “Chapter 16: Crimes of morality”. In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 375-396). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

Case Study 16.1: Rethinking Canada’s prostitution laws: The *Bedford* case. (pp. 373-374).

May 23 – Statutory Holiday – No class**May 25****Mid-term Exam****Week 7**

May 30**Week 8**

Understanding crime: Positivism and biological theories of crime

Cartwright, Barry, Heidt, Jon, and Boyd, Neil. (2015). "Chapter 6: Theories of crime: A brief introduction". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 119-142). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

Anderson, Gail S. (2015). "Chapter 7: Biological approaches". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 145-152). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

June 1**Week 9**

Understanding crime: Psychological and choice theories

Heidt, Jon. "Chapter 8: Psychological approaches". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 169-190). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

Case Study 8.1: The mask of sanity: Colonel Russel Williams (pp. 167-168)

Farrell, Graham and Hodgkinson, Tarah. (2015). "Chapter 11: Crime choice theory". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 243-270). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

June 6**Week 10**

Understanding crime: Sociological theories

Cartwright, Barry. (2015). "Chapter 12: Sociological approaches". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 271-298). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

June 8**Week 11**

Understanding crime: Critical perspectives

Huey, Laura. (2015). "Chapter 9: Understanding critical criminology". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 193-212). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.

June 13**Week 12**

Types of crime: White-collar crime

Puri, Poonam and Kupi, Simon. (2015). "Chapter 18: White-collar crime". In Neil Boyd (ed.), *Understanding Crime in Canada*, (pp. 429-455). Toronto: Emond Montgomery Publications.