

Child Rights and Criminal Justice Issues

COURSE:	CRCJ 4001D
TERM:	Winter 2016
PREREQUISITES:	Fourth-year standing in B.A. Honours in Criminology and Criminal Justice
CLASS:	Day & Time: Mondays, 2:35pm – 5:25pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The emergence of the child as a subject of rights has been influenced by several legal, social, and political developments. Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as a framework, several global child protection issues will be examined. The conceptual framework for the development of rights for children; international legal standards and mechanisms; and, the definition of the child and general principles will be drawn on throughout the course. The primary objective of this course is to familiarize students with the various rights that children

have as well as violations of those rights. Drawing on international examples of issues wherein the role and meaning of “child rights” continue to be debated, the focus of the course will be on exploring legislation/conventions, youth engagement, and implementation of child rights in various contexts. Students will be exposed to the basic knowledge and tools necessary to gain a critical understanding of children's rights. To augment the lecture material and facilitate a practical understanding of the information presented, guest speakers, class discussion, and a seminar style teaching structure are incorporated in the course. International examples as well as Canadian research will be drawn upon.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Listed on the course outline.

EVALUATION

(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)

1: Critical Assessment of Media Portrayal of “Child/Children” 15%

2: Critical Assessment of a Required Reading 15%

3: Group Seminar Project

A) Seminar Presentation: 20% presentation, 5% crime prevention component (25% total)

B) Research Paper: 20% group mark, 10% co-group member evaluation (30% total)

Attendance/Participation at Seminar Presentations 15%

If you have a medical note excusing you from a peer seminar class, you must submit a one page overview of the topic area to receive attendance marks. This will be discussed in class.

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

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- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
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- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s

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SCHEDULE Outline may be subject to change.**JAN. 11 Introduction to the Course****JAN. 18 History of Child Rights in Canada**

- <http://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/crc.aspx> (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)
- Lansdown, Gerison. (2014). “25 years of UNCRC: Lessons learned in children’s participation”, *Canadian Journal of Children’s Rights*, 172-190.
- Danduarnd, Yvon. (2014) “Article 19 of the CRC and the criminal justice system’s duty to protect children against violence.” *Canadian Journal of Children’s Rights*. 44-84.

Guest Speaker: Honourable Senator (Retired) Landon Pearson, International Child Rights Advocate “*Youth Voices in the Justice System*”

*****Seminar Group and Topic Assignment *******JAN. 25 Internet Crime Research Sources ***Macodrum Library*****

- **Library Presentation:** Criminology Reference Specialist

FEB. 1 Research Involving Children, Ethics

- Using Data to Make Violence Visible. *United Nations Children’s Fund. Hidden in Plain Sight: A Statistical Analysis of Violence against Children.* UNICEF New York, 2014. Pages 14- 29.
- UNICEF Fact Sheet: *Right to Participation.*
- Haynesa, K., and Tanner, T. “Empowering young people and strengthening resilience: youth centred participatory video as a tool for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction.” *Children’s Geographies*, 2013, pages 1 – 15.

Guest Speaker: Michael Montgomery, International Institute for Child Rights Development

FEB.8 Child and Youth Representation/Conceptualization

- Bailey, J. “Perfect Storm: How the Online Environment, Social Norms, and Law Shape Girls Lives.” In Jane Bailey and Valerie Steeves (Eds.) *eGirls, eCitizens*. University of Ottawa Press. 2015 pages 21 – 53.
- Karaian, L. (2014) “Policing ‘Sexting’: Responsibilization, Respectability and Sexual Subjectivity in Child Protection/Crime Prevention Responses to Teenagers’ Digital Sexual Expression” *Theoretical Criminology*. 18(3): 282-299.

Guest Speaker: Hayley Crooks, Ph.D. Candidate at the Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies at University of Ottawa

FEB. 15-19 Winter Break**FEB. 22 Child Protection, Criminal Policy and Child Rights**

- Bailey, J., and Steeves, V. (2013). “Will the Real Digital Girl Please Stand Up? Examining the Gap Between Policy Dialogue and Girls’ Accounts of Their Digital Existence” in *Greg Wise and Hille Koskela (eds.) 'New Visualities, New Technologies: The New Ecstasy of Communication' (Ashgate Publishing)*.
- Fairburn, J. “Rape Threat and Revenge Porn: Defining Sexual Violence in the Digital Age” In Jane Bailey and Valerie Steeves (Eds.) *eGirls, eCitizens*. University of Ottawa Press. 2015 Pages 229-249.

****Assignment 1 Due ****

FEB. 29 Seminar Preparation**MARCH 7 Crime Prevention and Child Rights**

- Hyman, S., Aubry, and T., Klodawsky. (2011). “Resilient Outcome: Academic Engagement by Youth with Histories of Homelessness”. *Youth & Society* 43(1) 253-273.
- Dittrick, C., Beran, T., Mishna, F., Hetherington, R., and Shariff, S. (2013) “Do Children Who Bully Their Peers Also Play Violent Video Games? A Canadian National Study”. *Journal of School Violence*, 12:297–318.

Guest Speaker: Valerie Stam, Ph.D. Program, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University

MARCH 14 Seminar Presentations (Assignment 2a, in class, as assigned)

MARCH 21 Seminar Presentations (Assignment 2a, in class, as assigned)

MARCH 28 Seminar Presentations (Assignment 2a, in class, as assigned)

APRIL 4 Wrap Up

****Assignment 2b due in class****