

Course Outline

COURSE: CRCJ 1000 A
Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice

TERM: Summer 2015

PREREQUISITES:

CLASS: **Day & Time:** Tuesday / Thursday – 11:35am-2:35pm
Room: Please check with Carleton Central for current room location.

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Context

Crime is one of the most contentious social issues in the world today. Public debates, political campaigns, media reports, and family discussions circulate around questions of crime rates, the nature of punishment, and the role of police, residents, courts, communities, victims, etc. But what exactly is a crime? Who decides on categories of crime, the enforcement of criminal laws, the rules of a courtroom, prison policies, or correctional programs targeting those convicted of crimes? How can theoretical perspectives help explain crime and criminal justice? How do social issues become criminalized and how have societies – Canada in particular – approached fundamental questions of innocence, guilt, punishment, and justice? Questions about the intersection of crime and society, such as these, are at the heart of contemporary criminological debates. This class will serve as an introduction to the key topics in criminology; exploring intellectual histories of criminological thought, from its emergence as a particular disciplinary undertaking, to its application across a spectrum of social issues in Canada.

During the course, students will explore key aspects of the emergence of criminology as an academic discipline, numerous theories around crime and criminality, and several key issues related to contemporary criminal justice. We will learn various ways to define and conceptualize “crimes,” the basic structures of Canada’s criminal justice system, theories of punishment, studies of policing and police work, the centrality of crime statistics to our social understanding of criminality, as well as discussing a number of diverse frameworks associated with criminological research. Overall, students in the course should be prepared for a detailed introduction to the field of criminology and a willingness to constructively engage with numerous issues related to Canada’s criminal justice system.

Objectives

The objective of the class is to familiarize students with the basic tenets of the criminal justice system and criminological thought, while demonstrating an ability to apply this knowledge to contemporary issues. By the end of the course, students should be comfortable discussing and writing about an array of issues/concepts related to crime and criminal justice. Students should demonstrate:

- > A general understanding of organizations and mechanisms of the criminal justice system in Canada;
- > Knowledge of the historical evolution of criminological thought;
- > A general comfort with the various theories, frameworks, schools, paradigms, etc., for understanding crime and society;
- > An understanding of criminalization processes;
- > A general knowledge of themes related to the penal regime;
- > Comfort in discussing a number of contemporary criminological issues; and
- > An ability to critically analyze issues of crime and society from an academically-informed position.

Required Course Materials

1. *Understanding Crime in Canada: An Introduction to Criminology*. Edited by Neil Boyd.

Evaluation

A – Writing assignment: Review and Critical Reflection (10%)

DUE: Lecture 5 (May 19th). One page, single spaced. Submit in class or submit through the criminology drop-box (5th floor Loeb). Please include student name, number, course code, and instructors name (Jeffrey Monaghan).

Read the report entitled *Set Up to Fail: Bail and the Revolving Door of Pre-trial Detention* written by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (June 2014). Your assignment is to read and review this report. What key issues are raised by the report? What do these trends mean for the criminal justice system in Canada? What do you think about these trends? Requirements and approaches for the assignment will be discussed in class during lectures #2, #3, and #4.

Late submissions will be penalized one mark per day to a maximum of four. Late assignments can be submitted until the beginning of class on Lecture 7 (May 26th).

A PDF of the report will be available on CULearn.

B – Mid-term Examination (40%)

Class 7 (May 26th). Based on the content of all lectures and readings from lectures 1 to 6. Closed-book format. The exam will include true/false, multiple choice questions, and short-answers questions.

C – Final Examination (50%)

Scheduled during final exam period. Closed-book format based on the content of all course materials: lectures and mandatory readings. The exam will include true/false, multiple choice questions, and short-answers questions.

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.

Statement on Plagiarism

The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentionally or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs."

Plagiarism is a serious offence that cannot be resolved directly by the course’s instructor. The Associate Dean of the Faculty conducts a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of "F" for the course.

WEEKLY READINGS

May 5: Lecture 1

Introduction and overview to CRCJ 1000: Review of course objectives and important timelines; Introductory remarks on crime, criminals, and criminology.

May 7: Lecture 2

What is a crime? What is criminology? Criminological Emergence

Crime as an object of study; Criminalization processes; Origins of criminology; definitions of crime; deviance.

Required readings:

Rafter, Nicole (2011). “Origins of Criminology” in *What is criminology?* Edited by Mary Bosworth and Carolyn Holye. Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, Pp 143-154.

Boyd, Neil (2015). “Chapter 1: What is Criminology” in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 7-24.

May 12: Lecture 3

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System / Media and Crime

Emergence of criminal justice system; formation of modern policing; functions of criminal law; definition of crime in Canada; prosecutorial processes and criminal defences; Charter; Moral panic; Media problem frames; the CSI effect.

Required readings:

Steeves, Valerie and Trevor Scott Milford (2015). "Chapter 2: The Media Shaping our Understanding of Crime" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 27-46.

Jones, Craig (2015). "Chapter 3: Criminal Law in Canada" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 51-68.

May 14: Lecture 4

Crime Statistics and Victimology

Emergence of statistic knowledges; statistics and governance; Official crime data; court statistics; Victimization and Self-Report Surveys; Victimology; statistics and media.

Required readings:

Morden, Hilary Kim and Ted Palys (2015). "Chapter 4: Measuring Crime" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 73-94.

Scott, Hannah (2015). "Chapter 5: Victims of Crime" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 97-116.

Juristat (2013). Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2012.

Online: <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/85-002-x/2013001/article/11854-eng.htm>

May 19: Lecture 5

Punishment, Penology, and the Prison

The right to punish; rationalities of punishment and rehabilitation; deterrence theories; sociologies of punishment; trends in mass incarceration; history of the prison; penal populism; panopticism.

Required readings:

Newburn, Tim (2007). Chapter 22. "Penology and Punishment" in *Criminology*. Cullompton: Willan Publishing. Pp. 516-538.

Auditor General of Canada (2014). "Expanding the Capacity of Penitentiaries - Correctional Service Canada," in *Report of the Auditor General of Canada* (Spring 2014) CHAPTER 4, read Pgs 1-9.

Stanford Prison Experiment. Please read entire slideshow:

<http://www.prisonexp.org/>

*****Assignment #1 due*****

May 21: Lecture 6

Introduction to Policing Studies

History of policing in Canada; NWMP; Quebec Police Force; Newfoundland Constabulary; anglo-American policing tradition; The 'risk society'; Police work; police discretion; Police as knowledge works; recent debates re: Mr. Big and undercover operations.

Required readings:

Forcese, Dennis (1999). "Origins and Comparisons" in *Policing Canadian Society*, pp. 11-39.

Ericson, Richard and Kevin Haggerty (1997). "Policing as Risk Communication" in *Policing the Risk Society*. Pp 17-38

+++++ MID-TERM REVIEW +++++ Last 30 mins of class.

May 26: Lecture 7

Mid-term exam

May 28: Lecture 8

Introduction to Crime Theories and Biological Theories of Crime

Classical School; Positivist School; Conflict theory (Marxism); Consensus theory; Italian School; Phrenology; twin and family studies; Eugenics and stupidity theories; brain injuries; biocriminology and genetics; the "warrior gene"

Required readings:

Cartwright, Barry and Jon Heidt and Neil Boyd (2015). "Chapter 6: Theories of Crime: A brief introduction" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 119-144.

Anderson, Gail (2015). "Chapter 7: Biological Approaches" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 145-166.

June 2: Lecture 9

Psychological and Crime Choice Theories

Psychological positivism; psychoanalysis; personality theories; psychopathy; learning theories; moral development; life-course criminology; rational actor theories; crime 'scripts'; Routine Activity Theory; opportunity theory; Crime prevention policies

Required readings:

Heidt, Jon (2015). "Chapter 8: Psychological Approaches" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 169-190.

Farrell, Graham and Tarah Hodgkinson (2015). "Chapter 11: Crime Choice Theory" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 243-268.

June 4: Lecture 10

Sociological theories of crime

Development of sociological criminology; Durkheim: anomie and strain theories; Control theory; The Chicago School; broken windows theory; Differential association; Subcultural theories; Labelling theory and stigmatization.

Required readings:

Cartwright, Barry (2015). "Chapter 12: Sociological Approaches" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 271-300.

June 9: Lecture 11

Critical Criminology, Feminism, and Micro Theories of Crime

Critical criminology; Marxism and neo-marxism; Feminism; critical race theory; white collar crime; moral panics; abolitionism; state crime; green criminology.

Required readings:

Huey, Laura (2015). "Chapter 9: Understanding Critical Criminology" in *Understanding Crime in Canada*, Neil Boyd (ed), pp. 193-214.

Kramer, Kristen (2011). "Feminist Contributions to Criminology," in *Criminology: Critical Canadian Perspectives*, pp. 117-143.

Excerpts from O'Brien and Majid Yar (2008). *Criminology: Key Concepts*. New York: Routledge. "Green Criminology," Pp.86-89; "state crime", pp-pp; "white collar crime," pp. 29-32; "Moral panic," Pp. 110-11; and Tierney, John (2009). "Abolitionism," in *Key Perspectives in Criminology*. New York: Open University Press. Pp 1-5.

June 11: Lecture 12

Indigenous Peoples and Criminal (in)Justice System

Required readings:

Patricia A. Monture-Angus (2011). "The Need for Radical Change in the Canadian Criminal Justice System: Applying a Human Rights Framework" in D. Long & O. Patricia Dickason, eds., *Visions of the Heart: Canadian Aboriginal Issues*, 3rd ed. ,pp. 238-257.

Office of the Correctional Investigator (2012). *Spirit Matters: Aboriginal People and The Corrections and Conditional Release Act*. Available online:

<http://www.oci-bec.gc.ca/rpt/oth-aut/oth-aut20121022-eng.aspx>

**** mandatory to read the Executive Summary, recommended to read the whole report.

June 16: Lecture 13

Exam Review