SOCI 2450A: Crime and Society

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This is an introductory criminology course that engages *critical* and *sociological* perspectives on crime, the Canadian criminal justice system (i.e., police services, correctional services), processes of criminalization (i.e., through vectors of inequalities or marginalization), power relations, and more. We will examine literature uncovering experiences and views of incarcerated people, victims of crime, criminal justice system workers, academics, as well as explore current and alternative approaches to justice. This course is purposively designed to build undergraduate students' critical thinking skills by exploring various and sometimes controversial approaches to justice, with much less focus on surveying established criminological theories seeking to 'explain' or 'measure' crime.

EVALUATION

Graded Discussion Posts (x5 = 25%); Take-Home Midterm (35%); Final Research Essay (40%)

TEXT

There is no textbook to purchase for this course. All assigned readings will be provided freely on Brightspace.