

**Sociological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour –  
CRIM 104**  
University Studies Program

**Course Outline**

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	April 2002
OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 2018
COURSE OUTLINE REVIEW DATE:	September 2023

**GENERAL COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course critically investigates sociological perspectives on crime and deviance. This course explores both mainstream and critical theories and critically analyzes assumptions upon which each theory is based. Topics include: anomie, Indigenous theories; neutralization, labelling, control, conflict, subculture, deterrence, and patriarchy, as they relate to crime and deviance.

**Program Information:** This course can be used as a social science elective in the University Arts and Science programs.

**Delivery:** This course is delivered face to face.

**COTR Credits:** 3

**Hours for this course:** 45 hours

**Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:**

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	45
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	
Other Contact Hours	
<b>Total</b>	45

**Practicum Hours (if applicable):**

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-job Experience	N/A
Formal Work Experience	N/A
Other	N/A
<b>Total</b>	

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Valid from: January 2018- September 2023

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Education Council Approval Date

**COURSE PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:**

**Prerequisites:** CRIM 101, SOCI 101 and 102 recommended

**Corequisites:** None

**Flexible Assessment (FA):**

Credit can be awarded for this course through FA  Yes  No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

**Transfer Credit:** For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

**Prior Course Number:** CRIM 104/SOCI 220 ⇔⇔ CRIM 104

**Date changed:** April 2011

**Equivalent Course:** Students who have received COTR credit for SOCI 220 may not receive additional credit for CRIM 104.

## Textbooks and Required Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date the following textbooks were in use:

Williams, F. P. & McShane, M. D. (latest edition). *Criminological Theory*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall

Reiman, J. Leighton, P. (2016) *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison: Ideology, Class, and Criminal Justice*. 11<sup>th</sup> ed. Routledge.

Selection of online readings

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

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## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to

- critically analyze and evaluate various theoretical perspectives;
- utilize context in examining theoretical perspectives;
- understand the influence of sociological theories on the criminal justice system; and
- understand specific forms of deviance and crime such as violence and aggression, prostitution, drug use and fraud.

This course should help students

- use written and oral communication skills effectively, employing methods appropriate to message and context;
  - critical analysis;
  - consider context - social, economic, and political; and
  - think clearly and critically, fusing experience, knowledge and reasoning into considered judgement.
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## COURSE TOPICS:

- Background – defining deviance and crime and meta issues.
- Theories of Deviance and Crime: Social Theory, Chicago School, Functionalism; Social Control Theory, Symbolic Interactionism, Conflict Theory, Indigenous; Evolving Theories.
- The Practice of Deviance and Crime: indigenous peoples and communities; violence and aggression, prostitution, drug use, organized crime, business crime, mental illness.

See instructor's Course Information Sheet for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities and assignments.

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## EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

Assignments	% Of Total Grade
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%
Projects	20%
Research paper	<u>25%</u>
Total	100%

*Please see the instructor's Course Information Sheet for specific classroom policies related to this course, such as breakdown of evaluation, penalties for late assignments, and the use of electronic aids.*

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### EXAM POLICY:

Students must attend all required scheduled exams that make up a final grade at the appointed time and place.

Individual instructors may accommodate for illness or personal crisis. Additional accommodation will not be made unless a written request is sent to and approved by the appropriate Department Head prior to the scheduled exam.

Any student who misses a scheduled exam without approval will be given a grade of "0" for the exam.

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### COURSE GRADE:

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

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### ACADEMIC POLICIES:

See [www.cotr.bc.ca/policies](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/policies) for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

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### COURSE CHANGES:

Information contained in course outlines is correct at the time of publication. Content of the courses is revised on an ongoing basis to ensure relevance to changing educational, employment, and marketing needs. The instructor will endeavour to provide notice of changes to students as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete material from courses.