

COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: CRIM-166: Introduction to Criminology

CLASS SECTION: -001

TERM: Winter 2024

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): face-to-face

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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HOURS: Mondays 12:30-1:20 and Wednesdays 11:30-12:20 or by appointment

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

An examination of Criminology as a social science; analysis of its theories, categories, and relevant research and its necessity and relation to other social science disciplines. This includes the study of crime, criminal behaviour and its causation, crime victims and consequences.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of:

- C+ in English 12
- C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

EXCLUSION(S):

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to:

1. Communicate understanding of the origins, development and evolution of past, current, and future

criminological thought and discourse.

2. Describe, classify, evaluate and analyze the problem of crime, criminological theory and its contemporary application.

3. Use conceptual frameworks and paradigms to make independent interpretations and applications using criminal case studies.

4. Consider, interpret and evaluate the perspectives of other students with sensitivity to the values underpinning those perspectives.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

Winterdyk, J. (2023). *Canadian Criminology 5th Ed.*, Oxford Press.

Other readings distributed in class or on D2L.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	READINGS
Week 1	Introduction to course, nature and structure of criminology	Ch. 1
Week 2	Images of crime and crime control	Ch. 2
Week 3	Measuring crime and criminal behavior	Ch. 3
Week 4	Victims and victimology	Ch. 4
Week 5	Schools of thought in criminology	Exam #1, Feb. 9th
Week 6	Schools of thought in criminology cont., historical perspectives; Positivism and Biosocial theories of crime	Ch. 5 & 6
Week 7	Reading week – no class!	
Week 8	Psychological perspectives	Ch. 7
Week 9	Sociological perspectives	Ch. 8
Week 10	Sociological perspectives cont.	Exam #2, March 15
Week 11	Violent crime	Ch. 9, Case study assignment due March 22
Week 12	Public order crimes	Ch. 12
Week 13	The Globalization of crime, human trafficking	Ch. 13

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	READINGS
Week 14	Review, wrap up	Exam #3, April 12

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Participation activities in class (4 assignments)	20%
Criminology in the News assignment	10%
Case study assignment – due March 22, 1pm to drop box	15%
Exams (exam #1 - 20%, exam #2 - 20%, exam #3 - 15%)	55%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

1. Late Penalty

All late written work will be penalized by 10% per day unless an extension is legitimately warranted AND approved by the course instructor in advance of the assignment due date.

2. Written Assignment Requirements

All written assignments must be double spaced, 1-inch margins, etc. meeting the basic requirements as set out in APA style. All work must be your own original work.

Assignments will be discussed and explained in class and posted to D2L. Due dates will be provided for each assignment.

Participation activities (20%) will occur during class time. There will be 4 in-class activities, each valued at 5%. These will occur on random dates. If you are not in class on the day of an in-class participation activity you forfeit that portion of your grade however students will be provided an opportunity at the end of the semester to **make up for one missed in-class assignment.**

3. Plagiarism, Cheating and Academic Dishonesty

If the course instructor can document plagiarism, cheating and/or academic dishonesty, the penalty will be an automatic “zero” on the assignment in question. Further disciplinary action may be taken as per Camosun College policy.

4. Student Responsibility

It is each student’s responsibility to familiarize themselves with the course, program and college policies. Students experiencing difficulties during the term are encouraged to talk to the course instructor at the earliest opportunity. For exams, you will not be permitted to write an exam if you are either more than 15 minutes late, or after the first person leaves the room. If you find you are not able to make it to an exam due to an unforeseen emergency, you must contact the instructor in advance of the start time of the exam.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

See School of Arts & Science

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising

<http://camosun.ca/advising>

Accessible Learning

<http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning>

Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/
Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Mandatory Attendance for First Class Meeting of Each Course

Camosun College requires mandatory attendance for the first class meeting of each course. If you do not attend, and do not provide your instructor with a reasonable reason in advance, you will be removed from the course and the space offered to the next waitlisted student. For more information, please see the "Attendance" section under "Registration Policies and Procedures" (<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/procedures.html>) and the Grading Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf>.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.