

# COURSE SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: SOC-250-Sociology of Deviance

CLASS SECTION: 001

TERM: 2025W

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Face-to-Face

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

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## INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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OFFICE: Paul 334

HOURS: Thursday: 1000 -100; Friday: 100-200

*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

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An examination of theories of deviance, the historical forces which have shaped these theories, the research based on them, and a critical evaluation of their contribution to our understanding of the causes of deviance.

### PREREQUISITE(S):

All of:

C in SOC 100

And one of:

C in ENGL 151

C in ENGL 161

C in ENGL 163

C in ENGL 164

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EQUIVALENCIES:

Not Applicable

#### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

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

Describe how theories and ideas about deviance and social control have changed and been understood from earlier pre-scientific approaches to the rationalism and science of the present day.

Apply the major theoretical perspectives on deviance and social control including the Classical, Functionalist, Physiological, Social Learning, Interactionist, Marxist, Feminist, and Postmodern theories and will be able to apply these various theoretical perspectives to the analysis and understanding of contemporary deviance and social control.

Scrutinize and critically assess presentations of deviance by various social control agencies including the mass media of film, television and the press.

#### REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

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**On Reserve in the Library:**

Linda B. Deutschmann. *Deviance and Social Control*. Fourth Edition, Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson Canada, 2007.

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

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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	OTHER NOTES
January 6 to 10	Chapter 1: Issues in the Study of Deviance (introduction)	
January 13 to 17	Chapter 2: Understand and Testing Theories of Deviance	
January 20 to 24	Chapter 3: Pre-Scientific Approaches to Deviance	
January 27 to 31	Chapter 4: Classical Theories of Deviance	

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
February 3 to 7	Chapter 5: Biological Explanations of Deviance & <b>Review</b>	
<b>February 10 to 14</b>	<b>First Test (Feb 11)</b> & Chapter 5 Continued	
February 17 to 21	<b>READING BREAK</b>	
February 24 to 28	Chapter 6: Theories of the Body and Mind	
March 3 to 7	Chapter 7: Social Disorganization Perspective & <b>Review</b>	
<b>March 10 to 14</b>	<b>Second Test (March 11)</b> & Chapter 8: Functionalist & Strain Perspective	
March 17 to 21	Chapter 8: Functionalist Perspective Continued and Chapter 9: Subcultural Theories	
<b>March 24 to 28</b>	<b>Group Discussion (March 25)</b> & Chapter 11: Social Control Theories	
March 31 to April 4	Chapter 12: Conflict Theories of Deviance & <b>First Optional Bonus Movie Assignment (April 3)</b>	
<b>April 7 to 11</b>	<b>Second Optional Bonus Movie Assignment (April 8) &amp; Review</b>	

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](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams). <https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams>

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
First Test (Chapters 1,2,3 & 4) <i>Chapter 4 only to the top of page 133. Ignore topic on Neo-Classical Theory.</i>	25%
Second Test (Chapters 4,5,6 & 7) <i>Chapter 4 starting from Neo-Classical Theory – page 133 onward.</i>	25%
Final Exam (Chapters 8,9,11 & 12)	25%
Group Discussion	8%
Participation Mark	17%
Two Optional Bonus Movie Assignments (2% each)	4%
TOTAL	100% (104%)

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](#) policy for more information.

<https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf>

## COURSE GUIDELINES &amp; EXPECTATIONS

**Class Tests**

The tests will consist of approximately 40 multiple-choice questions and students will have 80 minutes to answer all forty questions. It should be noted that the tests may have 1-5 bonus questions – also multiple choice – in addition to the 40 test questions. The purpose of having the bonus questions is to give students an opportunity to score 100% or higher on a given test. It should be emphasized that students do not need to do the bonus questions if they do not want to. However, it is strongly encouraged that students at least attempt the bonus questions since they will not be penalized for answering a bonus question incorrectly. The dates for all of the tests are as follows:

**TEST#1: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**TEST#2: TUESDAY, MARCH 11**

**TEST#3: DURING THE FINAL EXAM PERIOD - TBA**

The class before every test will constitute an informal review class if time permits; in essence, a review class is like a tutorial session where students come to class with prepared questions on the lecture content they will be tested on. As such, *the review classes are directed by students, and work best when students arrive with items to discuss*. It should be noted that if time permits, there may be two review classes to help people prepare for the final test. The tests can potentially ask ANY question related to issues discussed in class, the textbook, or presented in in-class videos.

## Group Discussion<sup>1</sup>

In talking about social phenomena, it is inevitable that we will discuss issues or topics that some may deem to be controversial. While an effort will be made to get students to participate in class discussions on many of these issues, it has been the experience of this Instructor that most students feel intimidated by the prospect of speaking up in class; this is very understandable; making one's opinions heard in a class of 40 or so students can be a daunting experience.

In order to alleviate this concern, the class will be broken up into small groups where students can more comfortably express their opinions on a given topic. During the course of the term, one such discussion group will be held on: **(1) Tuesday, March 25**. This discussion assignment will require the student to read a specific article and prepare a brief analysis of that article. **The article and the instructions on how to complete the assignment can be found on D2L.**

## Optional Bonus Movie Assignments - 4% ( 2 assignments x 2%)

On **Thursday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 8**, students will have an opportunity to earn up to 4% bonus marks that will be added to their final grade upon completion of the course. **Since this component is purely optional, students can elect not to complete the exercise associated with the bonus mark.** The exercise itself requires students to watch selective segments of two Hollywood movies dealing with deviance and then to answer a question associated with the movies. As long as students provide a reasonable response to the questions, they will earn the full bonus mark. However, if the response shows a serious lack of effort, it will not earn the full two percent. Students who miss this assignment can receive the bonus mark provided they have a legitimate reason.

## Participation Mark (1% per lecture x 17 lectures = 17%)

This class does not have a traditional lecture design where the Instructor talks for the duration of the class. Instead, the first part of every class will constitute a time in which the Instructor will summarize the important ideas of each lecture, ideas that are very important to know for each of the three tests that students will write during the term. The second part of each class will require students to complete a quiz. **The quiz can be answered alone or in a group.** If the exercise is done in a group, the group will select a recorder who will write down the group's answers. The class will then grade the quizzes. The grade on the quizzes will not be counted. The essence of the quizzes is to help students engage with the material in a creative fashion and to help them prepare for the actual tests. At the end of every class, students will submit their quiz responses in order to receive the participation mark for the class. Failure to fully complete the quiz, or submit the quiz responses, will result in a participation mark of less than the full 1%.

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**<sup>1</sup>In order to be fair to all students, the following conduct will be penalized:**

- Depositing your questions with the instructor or sending them with another student and not participating in the discussions.
- Not attending the discussion sessions without a legitimate excuse.
- Doing the review sessions before class and then just coming to class to hand in the review session.

### **Missed Tests and Assignments**

***IF STUDENTS MISS TESTS OR ASSIGNMENTS, OR GROUP DISCUSSIONS, IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AS SOON AS PRACTICALLY POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT TO THEIR ABSENCE. IN ORDER TO MAKE-UP THE MISSED COURSE COMPONENT, STUDENTS NEED TO PROVIDE A LEGITIMATE REASON, OTHERWISE THEY WILL RECEIVE A GRADE OF ZERO ON THE MISSED COMPONENT. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS WHO WAIT UNTIL THE TERM IS OVER TO DISCUSS WHY THEY MISSED HANDING IN ASSIGNMENTS, WRITING TESTS, OR TAKING PART IN GROUP DISCUSSIONS, WILL NOT BE ACCOMODATED.***

### **Digital-Recording in the Classroom**

In order to ensure free and open discussion of controversial ideas by the students, ***digital-recording of the proceedings is not permitted in class.*** Exceptions, however, will be made for students who are visually impaired or are unable to write due to physical challenges. Laptops are permitted only if they are being used to take notes or access D2L. If it appears that students are not using their laptops for educational purposes - which is very easy to discern - they will not be permitted to bring laptops to class.

### SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

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Sociology is in the Department of Social Sciences

Chair: Katie Waterhouse

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

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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

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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 [camosun.ca/services](https://camosun.ca/services).

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising</a>
Accessible Learning	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning</a>
Counselling	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre">camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre</a>
Career Services	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services">camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services</a>
Financial Aid and Awards	<a href="https://camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards">camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards</a>
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres</a>
Indigenous Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services">camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services</a>
International Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/international">camosun.ca/international</a>
Learning Skills	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills</a>
Library	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/library">camosun.ca/services/library</a>
Office of Student Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/office-student-support">camosun.ca/services/office-student-support</a>
Ombudsperson	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson">camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson</a>
Registration	<a href="https://camosun.ca/registration-records/registration">camosun.ca/registration-records/registration</a>
Technology Support	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/its">camosun.ca/services/its</a>
Writing Centre	<a href="https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills">camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills</a>

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.

### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities: <https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

### Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines:

<https://camosun.ca/cal>

### Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

### Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

### Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

### 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 (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.



## Sexual Violence

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 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 Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and [camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education](https://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education).

To contact the Office of Student Support: [oss@camosun.ca](mailto:oss@camosun.ca) or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

## 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 <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

## Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

**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.

