

CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Criminal Justice

CRIM 166 - Introduction to Criminology
(Section: 01)
Winter 2004

COURSE OUTLINE

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this course each 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.

3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

Schamalleger, F. & Volk, R. (2001). *Canadian Criminology Today*. Toronto: Prentice Hall

Kaercher, K. (1998). *Criminal Justice Writing Reference Manual*. Victoria: Camosun College

A CRIM 166 course pack entitled *Required Readings* is available for purchase from the Bookstore.

4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: Class hours, Lab hours, Out of Class Requirements and/or Dates for quizzes, exams, lecture, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

The content of this course is delivered through one weekly lecture lasting three hours. Course delivery may also include group discussions and other methods utilized at the instructor's discretion.

1. Library Assignment:

To be scheduled: January 2004.

The library assignment will be conducted by the college librarian during the first month of classes and will consist of exercises designed to familiarize the students with the Camosun College Library/Media Centre.

2. Quizzes:

Dates: Jan. 28, Feb. 18, Mar. 15, Apr. 7.

Quizzes will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions.

3. Written Assignments: Journal Article Summaries (2):

Students are required to provide two separate summaries from articles appearing in scholarly journals. The summaries should be 1-2 pages in length and address a current issue, and/or, topic in criminological theory. One summary should originate from an electronic source and the other from the selection of journals in the library. Further discussion of the summary assignments will occur in class.

Assignments should be handed in complete with a cover page, which indicates:

- title of your article
- course number
- instructor's name
- date
- references cited page

DUE DATES:

Assignment 1 (Hard Copy Source): FEB. 9, 2004 AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS

Assignment 2 (Electronic Source): MAR. 24, 2004 AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS

*Note: your assignment should be **typewritten** and stapled in the top left corner (no covers or binders, please). Articles should be attached to submitted assignments. See the Criminal Justice Writing Reference Manual for more information on submission of written assignments

4. FINAL EXAM:

The final exam will be held during the **Final Exam Period**. The exam will require students to apply criminological theory and other knowledge from the course to a case study. Other details regarding the format of the exam will be discussed during the last week of classes. Date and time of the exam is TBA.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

- (a) Assignments
 - Library Assignment 5%
 - Written Assignments 20%

Penalty for lateness is a reduction of 5 marks per day

Assignments will be graded on the following criteria:

- content, clarity, completeness 6%
- structure/presentation 2%
- spelling/grammar 2%

See your instructor if you have problems of any kind before the due date of the assignment. Be sure to consult the Criminal Justice Handbook regarding the requirements for written assignments.

- (b) Quizzes 40%
- (c) Exams
 - Final 30%
- (d) Other (e.g. Project, Attendance, Group Work)
 - Group work 5%

*In order to successfully achieve the stated learning outcomes, it is expected that students will attend all classes and that, on average, students will spend two-three hours of outside class preparation for each hour of in class instruction.

6. Grading System

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 - 100%	B = 75 - 79%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 90 - 94%	B- = 70 - 74%	F = 0.0 - 49%
A- = 85 - 89%	C+ = 65 - 69%	
B+ = 80 - 84%	C = 60 - 64%	

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>ASSIGNED READING</u>
PART I	THE SUBJECT MATTER OF CRIMINOLOGY	
Jan. 5, 7	Course Introduction -What is criminology?	Course Syllabus S&V: Ch. 1
Jan. 12, 14, 19	What is Crime? -How much crime is there?	S&V: CH. 1, 2 CR: #1
PART II	RESEARCH METHODS	
Jan. 21, 26	Criminology as Science -Interplay of theory and research	S&V: Ch. 3
Jan. 28	Quiz 1	
PART III	THEORIES OF CRIME	
Feb. 2, 4, 9	What is Criminological Theory? -Classical School -Video: TBA	TBA S&V: Ch. 4 CR: #2
Feb. 9	Assignment 1 Due	
Feb. 11, 16	Biological and Psychological Explanations	S&V: Ch. 5, 6 CR: #3, #4

Feb. 18	Quiz 2	CR: #5, #6
Feb. 23, 25	Crime and Social Structure	S&V: Ch. 7
Mar. 1, 3	Crime and Social Process	S&V: Ch. 8 CR: #7
Mar. 8	Last day to withdraw without academic penalty.	
Mar. 8, 10	Crime and Conflict	S&V: Ch. 9 CR: #8
Mar. 15	Quiz 3	
PART IV	CURRENT ISSUES AND TRENDS	
Mar. 17, 22	Patterns of Crime	S&V: Ch. 10
Mar. 24	Assignment 2 Due	
Mar. 24, 29	Crime and Social Policy -Video: "Dragons of Crime..."	S&V: Ch. 11 CR: #9
Mar. 31	Future Directions -Video: "The Gene Squad"	S&V: Ch. 12
Apr. 5	Review	
Apr. 7	Quiz 4	
Apr. 13 - 21	Final Exam TBA	

*Note: every attempt to follow the topics listed in the course outline will be made. However, the instructor reserves the right to modify the topics and/or reading list.