



School of Arts & Science
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
CRIM 166-01 – Varinder K. Badh
Introduction to Criminology
Winter 2008

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ _____

Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.
It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Varinder K. Badh		
(b)	Office Hours:	Wednesdays, 5.15 – 5.50pm / or by appointment		
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(f)	Website:	N/A		

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to this section, unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through EDCO for approval.)

Upon completion of this course the 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: Brown, G.P., Hoffman, R., & Siegel, L.J. **Criminology: The Core** (1st Ed) (2006).
- (b) Other: Other assigned handouts and readings.

4. Course Content and Schedule

Class hours: Wednesday 6.00pm – 8.50pm

1. Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend class regularly. Final grades may be reduced for more than **four unexcused absences** or the same number of incidents of **being late** to class. Please come to class on time. If you are not here when attendance is taken, the book will record you as absent.

2. Withdrawal Policy

Students should familiarize themselves with the withdrawal procedures of the college. If it becomes necessary for a student to withdraw from the class, he or she should do so at the earliest possible time. Be familiar with College deadlines associated with withdrawal policy. Any student enrolled in the course who does not meet requirements and who neglects to withdraw in the manner provided by the college will receive a failing grade or an incomplete.

- Up until the Fee deadline, you can withdraw from a course online by choosing the **drop class** option.
- After the fee deadline, you must **officially withdraw** (using a withdrawal form) in person at Admissions/Registration up to the last date for withdrawal. (under important dates in the calendar)
- No refunds after fee deadlines.
- Students who fail to withdraw prior to fee deadlines are **required to pay all fees**.
- Students who **stop attending**, do not show up, and who don't officially withdraw from classes themselves by contacting Admissions/Registration before the deadline date will receive an "F" grade.
- **"F" grades permanently affect a student's grade point average. They never go away, even if a student repeats a course.**

3. Class Preparation Policy

Reading assignments should be completed before each designated class period. Students are expected to complete all components of the course. I reserve the right to administer additional assignments if there is not enough class participation, to properly assess a participation mark.

4. Academic Conduct Policy / Plagiarism

To prepare your written assignments for this course you are expected to cite all material taken from other sources using proper APA formatting. (Please consult the library or learning centre to obtain proper formatting guidelines). It is your responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy! It addresses such topics as academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, inappropriate student conduct and consequences.

5. Paper Deadline

All assignments will be collected immediately after attendance is taken in class on the due date. Papers not handed in at that time will be considered late – even if they are only 30 seconds late. Come to class on time.

6. Protect Yourself

Make a photocopy of your assignments to retain for yourself. If you choose not to retain a photocopy, you assume three significant risks; 1) if the assignment is lost and I have no evidence that you turned in a paper, you may receive the grade of F; 2) if a paper is lost and I have evidence that an assignment was turned in, you will

have to write another assignment; 3) if you must retype your assignment because of too many proofreading errors, you will have to resubmit your assignment.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER TO PASS THIS COURSE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN AN "F" GRADE. PLEASE CONTACT ME SHOULD THERE BE SOME MEDICAL OR HUMANITARIAN REASON AS TO WHY THE ASSIGNMENTS AND OR EXAMS CANNOT BE COMPLETED.

Late Assignments

Assignments will be handed in at the beginning of each class on the day of their due date. All assignments are due in class on the date specified. Assignments are to be handed in personally to the instructor unless other arrangements have specifically been made for you prior to the deadline. Although not encouraged, in the event that you do not hand in your assignment at the beginning of the due date, late assignments will be deducted 5% each day (including the date of hand-in and including weekend – Saturdays and Sundays) to a maximum of 50%. After such time assignments are still expected to be submitted but will not be marked.

As you are aware from the previous semester(s), research papers amidst exams and additional assignments have a tendency to “sneak up” on you and overload your schedule. You have all the necessary tools to complete these assignments so..... START NOW!!!!!!

Instructor Policy Statement Exceptional and Unanticipated Circumstances

I have given you all of the relevant due dates and exam times on day 9 this January. Therefore, you have been given sufficient warning to be able to meet all requirements on those dates and times. I expect you to meet all the requirements as set out above. Yet with exception, there are at times unanticipated and exceptional circumstances that preclude a student’s ability to meet the requirements. This does not include for example a family wedding in March, too many things due at the same time, sleeping in, attending a concert, forgetfulness, holidays, work obligations, computer and printer problems etc. If you are ill, inform me to make alternative arrangements.

Unanticipated and exceptional circumstances, I am prepared to make exceptions for, provided that they meet the criteria as being unanticipated and exceptional. In the unfortunate event that this happens to you, my expectation is that:

- (1) you will inform me at the earliest opportunity possible of what has happened and,
- (2) provide appropriate and detailed documentation that would make it clear that the criteria for unanticipated and exceptional circumstances are met (3) take steps to correct the omission as soon as possible.

All students are expected to be in class on time for exams. In the event of a medical emergency, it is your responsibility to contact me, as soon as possible. Each case will be dealt with according to college policy.

Dates for assignments: .

Library Skills Exercise (requirement – must be completed) Date: Jan 23rd
Evaluation of a Criminological Study (15% of your final grade) Date: Feb 20th
Evaluating Web Sources Library Exercise (requirement – must be completed)
March 5th
Internet Resource Booklet on Criminological theory (15% of your final grade)
April 2nd

Dates for exams:

Midterm Exam = 30% - Date: February 27th Wednesday

Final Exam = 30% - TBA during final examination period.

Participation:

Attendance/Participation = 10%

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)

(a) Assignments

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(b) Exams

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(d) Other (e.g., Attendance, Project, Group Work)

Participation:

Attendance/Participation = 10%

6. Grading System

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Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading

Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3^d course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

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, at Student Services or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED

Course Objectives / Learning Objectives:

- 1) Provide a framework for studying criminology.
- 2) Examining Criminological theory
- 3) Examining Major forms of criminal behaviour

Instructional Method

This class will characteristically follow a lecture/class discussion format. Students are expected to contribute to the learning format through readings and class participation. I will lecture on the theoretical material and use videos/scenarios to provide an applied component to the course. Bring your text to every class.

Students are expected to attend all lectures and actively participate in class discussions. The lectures are **NOT** intended to review all the material upon which you will be examined. Therefore, independent reading is **crucial** for success in this course.

If circumstances arise that require a student to miss a scheduled lecture, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of the reason(s) for their absence either prior to the class or as soon as possible. Students should be aware that a significant portion of the material covered in this course will be found exclusively in the lectures. Students are responsible for obtaining any missed notes from their colleagues and approaching their instructor (me) for any missed handouts.

Students are expected to arrive to class **ON TIME** and sign the attendance sheet at the start of the class. If a student is late for a class, it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor that they were in fact present.

Class participation will be assessed through attendance, participation in lectures, discussion, group exercises, and current event reviews.