



School of Arts & Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

SOC 250-03
Sociology of Deviance
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:	Dr. Paul Brady		
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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. 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.
2. 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.
3. Scrutinize and critically assess presentations of deviance by various social control agencies including the mass media of film, television and the press.

3. Required Materials

(a)	Texts	Linda B Deutschmann. Deviance and Social Control . Third Edition, Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson Canada, 2002. ISBN# 0-17-616906-7.
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(b)	Other	Textbook Website: http://www.deviance3e.nelson.com/ Films and videos to be announced in class.
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4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

This course will consist of lectures and class discussions. Students are expected to attend class regularly and to read each assigned chapter. Students are responsible for all lecture material, some of which is not available in the assigned readings. Students are advised to read the section "Academic Policies and Procedures" on pages 30-36 of the current College calendar.

REQUIRED READINGS

Recommended readings for each of the topics is indicated in the following detailed course outline. The course text provides comprehensive coverage of most the topics that we shall examine. The chapters from the textbook and the debate question readings will constitute the main body of required reading.

Week 1:	January	7	Introduction	Reading: Chapter 1
Week 2:	January	14	Theory and Method	Reading: Chapter 2
Week 3:	January	21	Demonic Explanations	Reading: Chapter 3
Thursday January 24 Debate Unit 1: On reserve for Soc. 250: Prepare 3 debate questions from the article: "The European Witchcraze". Nachman Ben-Yehuda, 1985:131-138.				
Week 4:	January	28	Classical Theory	Reading: Chapter 4

Tuesday February 5 Mid-term #1 includes chapters 1,2,3,4 and lectures

Week 6:	February	11	Disorganization	Reading: Chapter 7
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Debate Unit 2 Tuesday February 12 Debate Unit 2: On reserve for Soc. 250: Prepare 3 debate questions from the article: "From Witchcraft to Drugcraft Biochemistry as Mythology". Ronny E. Turner and Charles Edgley, 1983:432-441.

Week 7:	February	18	Disorganization	Reading: Chapter 7
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Week 8:	February	25	Functionalist	Reading: Chapter 8
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Week 9:	March	3	Learning/Subculture	Reading: Chapter 9
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Friday March 6 Mid-term #2 includes chapters 5, 6, 7 and lectures

Week 10:	March	10	Learning/Subculture	Reading: Chapter 9
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Thursday March 13 Debate Unit 3: On reserve for Sociology 250: Prepare 3 debate questions from the article:

Week 11:	March	17	Interactionist	Reading Chapter: 10
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March 21 Good Friday/ March 24 Easter Monday College Closed

Week 12: March 24 Interactionist **Reading Chapter: 10**

Week 13: March 31 Social Control Theories **Reading Chapter: 11**

Debate Unit 4 Thursday April 3: On reserve for Soc. 250: Prepare 3 debate questions from the article: "Criminologists as Criminals". Barbara H. Zaitzow and Matthew B. Robinson, 1995:229-235.

Week 14: April 7 Conflict Theories **Reading: Chapter 12**

The final examination date is set by College administration and is posted on Cam Link and in the hallway by the bookstore.

GUIDELINES FOR DEBATE UNITS

These are three classes where students meet in smaller units to discuss questions prepared by each student in the unit based on the assigned readings for that day. You should aim to produce a satisfactory set of questions to enable a fruitful discussion of the assigned reading. **Please note that students must complete this assignment working on their own so that duplicate questions will be held at a minimum.**

Please read carefully:

- 1 Read the article and provide as part of this assignment a short point form summary of the main points or central concepts or arguments of the article. Utilizing the central concepts/main points/arguments prepare three questions that you can pose to students in your unit. Your questions must be genuine questions not statements. Keep your questions as concise as possible and wherever you can use your own words and avoid quoting directly from the reading(s).

Please note also that you do not have to keep your questions directly focused on the reading but can also create debate questions as a result of **applying concepts or ideas** from the reading to other areas of social life. For example, a reading may argue that the mass media promotes negative stereotypes about welfare recipients in order to explain their poor living conditions as due to individual problems rather than the result of social inequality and discrimination. Your question could **apply that conception** to ask about if any other modern day organizations (police, churches, the state) use that same kind of ideology to legitimate the negative living conditions of others in society (ethnic minorities, women, non-heterosexuals)?

2. Remember to phrase your question in an open-ended format or in such a way as to invite debate. Be careful to **avoid questions**:
 - that can be answered with a simple "yes" or "no" (obvious questions; Were witches burned in the medieval period?)
 - that ask what the author(s) wrote or are answered in the article (content question)
 - that are the same questions the authors raise
 - that simply ask others if they agree or disagree with what the author(s) have written.
 - that begin with "explain", "compare", "list", "describe", "how", "why", "where", "what", or any other questions that ask the respondent to provide you with information or an explanation rather than a debate.
 - that are based on fantasy, stick to the facts of the article, for example; 'If aliens from space invaded would the witch craze still have happened in Europe'? Stick to the historical facts; do not ask what if this had not happened would that still have happened? Remember debate questions lead to the expression of a variety of viewpoints.

Your questions should begin with words like "should", "does", "will", "do", "has" "would" or other words that evoke debate.

3. Make sure that you are not simply asking a question that the authors of the article raise but rather create your own debate questions. **Your questions cannot be ones that are answered in the article.**

4. Make a **TYPED COPY** of your written questions and bring the original and copy to class. Your questions are your admission ticket to the debate unit classes. Debate can begin as soon as the groups are formed. Each student in turn should pose a question that is followed by a discussion. The purpose of the debate is NOT to win arguments but rather to help each other understand the material better and hopefully in an enjoyable manner. It is essential to have a useful exchange of views in which each member of the unit participates fully. You cannot participate meaningfully unless you are prepared. This is why **YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED** unless you have prepared your questions. This rule will be strictly enforced to avoid students being unprepared and hindering the efforts of other students. Towards the end of the class, one student from each group will be selected to provide the class with a brief oral summary of your debates.
5. Students will receive a mark out of 5 for each of the three debate units. Grading will be based on the quality of the questions according to the advice given above. 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 debates.
 - not attending a debate unit.
 - the late submission of questions without a satisfactory excuse.
 - failing to complete the assignment on your own.
 - having questions that are not typed

The grade for this course will be based on debate unit questions and attendance as well as two in-class examinations and a final examination. Examinations will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover all lectures, other presentations, and assigned readings. They will be aimed at testing one's conceptual as well as factual knowledge. Please note that the ownership of all examination papers belongs to the College.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a)	Assignments	Debate Unit Questions	20%
(b)	Quizzes		
(c)	Exams	Debate Unit Questions	20%
		Mid-term # 1 Tuesday February	5 25%
		Mid-term # 2 Thursday March	6 25%
		Final Examination TBA	30%
(d)	Other (eg. Attendance, Project, Group Work)	A grade of zero will be given for absence from exams/assignments, unless the student produces a medical certificate confirming illness and writes the substitute exam or completes the assignment within the prescribed period after recovery. Students must inform the instructor by email or telephone on the same day or previous to the missed examination or assignment.	

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 at camosun.ca or 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 are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
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.

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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 **that 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.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED