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School of Arts & Science Criminal Justice

CRIM 166 – Introduction to Criminology Winter 2009

COURSE OUTLINE

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The approved course description is available on the web at:

<http://www.camosun.bc.ca/schools/artsci/crim/index/php>

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

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1. Instructor Information:

- Instructor: Eva Wilmot M.A.
- Officer Hours: TBA or by appointment
- Location: Young Building room 200
- Phone: 370-3431
- E-mail: WilmotE@camosun.bc.ca

2. Intended Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to:

- Communicate an understanding of the origins, development and evolution of past, current, and future criminological thought and discourse;
- Describe, classify, evaluate and analyze the problem of crime, criminological theory and its contemporary application;
- Use conceptual frameworks and paradigms to make independent interpretations and applications using criminal case studies;
- Consider, interpret and evaluate the perspectives of other students with sensitivity to the values underpinning those perspectives.

3. Required Materials:

- Siegel, L.J., Brown, G.P., Hoffman, R. (2006) *Criminology: The Core*. Toronto: Nelson.
- Criminal Justice Writing Reference Manual, available in bookstore
- Supplemental readings distributed in class

4. Course Content and Schedule:

General Course Objective:

This course examines Criminology as a social science. It involves an analysis of its theories, categories, and relevant research, and its necessity and relation to the social science discipline. This includes the study of crime, criminal behavior and its causation, crime victims and consequences.

Instructional Policies:

1. Late Penalty

All late written work will be penalized by 20% 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 assignments must be handed to the instructor at the beginning of class. All assignments must be turned into the instructor personally. Assignments put under the door, in the mail or otherwise submitted will not be accepted. If the submission of work is problematic, see the course instructor in advance of the submission date. Written assignments must be type-written, 1.5 spaced, and meet the basic requirements as set out in the Criminal Justice Writing Reference Manual.

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. Depending on the severity, other sanctions may be imposed as per college policy.

4. Course Withdrawal

The last day to withdraw from this and other Fall term courses without receiving a failing grade is March 9, 2009.

5. Course Completion Requirements

Students must complete all evaluative requirements to receive a passing grade for this course. Unless granted prior written approval by the course instructor, a student who fails to complete any one of the evaluative requirements will automatically receive a fail (F) grade.

6. Mark/Grade Challenges and Appeals

A student seeking to question a mark assigned by the instructor on any course evaluation component, must clearly articulate in writing the specific element of the assignment being questioned and provide written reasons or arguments supporting a change in the mark. The Student Appeal Procedure is found on pages 39-40 of the 2008/2009 calendar.

7. Student Responsibility

It is each student’s responsibility to familiarize her/himself 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.

5. Basis of Student Assessment

Exams – 3 exams each worth 20% (total of 60% of final grade)

Evaluation of a Criminological Study – 15% of final grade

Details to follow.

Evaluating Internet Sources Assignment – 15% of final grade

Details to follow.

Class participation 10%

This course is intended to be interactive and participation of students is necessary. Some of this participation will occur in small group settings and some in the large group. Students may be required to reflect on topics posted on D2L. No portion of this grade will be allocated to attendance. An excused absence is based on being ill and notifying the instructor prior to the missed class. Multiple absences will require a doctor's note.

6. Grading System

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 90-100%	B = 73-76%	D = 50-59%
A = 85-89%	B- = 70-72	F = 0-49%
A- = 80-84%	C+ = 65-69%	
B+ = 77-79%	C = 60-64	

There are a variety of services available to students to assist them through their learning. This information is available in the college calendar, at the registrar's office and on the college website.

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CLASS SCHEDULE

WINTER 2009

Subject to revision

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Week 1: January 6 and 8

reading: Chapter 1

Introduction to the course
Review syllabus
What is Criminology?

Week 2: January 13 and 15

reading: Chapter 2

Measuring crime
Trends in crime
Patterns of crime

Week 3: January 20 and 22

reading: Chapter 3

Victims of crime
Theories of victimization

Week 4: January 27 and 29

reading: Chapter 4

Choice Theory

Week 5: February 3 and 5

reading: Chapter 5

EXAM #1 ON FEB. 3
Trait Theory on Feb. 5

Week 6: February 10 and 12

reading: Chapter 6

Social Structure Theories

Week 7: February 17 (19th no class)

reading: Chapter 7

Social Process Theories

Week 8: February 24 and 26

reading: Chapter 8

Social Conflict Theory

Week 9: March 3 and 5 **reading: Chapter 9**

EXAM #2 ON MARCH 3

Integrating Theories on March 5

Week 10: March 10 and 12 **reading: Chapter 10**

Violent Crime

Week 11: March 17 and 19 **reading: Chapter 11**

Property Crime

Week 12: March 24 and 26 **reading: Chapter 12**

White-Collar and Organized Crime

Week 13: March 31 and April 2 **reading: Chapter 13**

Public Order Crimes

Week 14: April 7 and 9 **parking lot and review for exam**