



## COURSE OUTLINE

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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.

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### **1. Instructor Information:**

- Instructor: Stephen Howell, M.Phil (Cantab)
- Office Hours: Half hour before and after Westshore Class
- Location: Westshore Learning and Training Centre
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## **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:***

- White, R., Haines, F. & Eisler, L. (2009) *Crime & Criminology: An Introduction* Toronto: Oxford
- Kaercher, K. (2009) *Writing Reference Manual for the Criminal Justice Program*
- Supplemental readings distributed in class

## **4. *Course Content and Schedule:***

### **Instructional Policies:**

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#### **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 on the due date. All assignments must be turned into the instructor personally. Emailed assignments will not be accepted. 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 due date. Written assignments must be typewritten, 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 Withdrawl**

The last day to withdraw from this course without receiving a failing grade is April 6, 2012.

### **5. 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 the college website.

### **6. 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 – 2 exams worth 50% total**

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Midterm Exam – March 14 in class. 20%

Final Exam – May 9 in class. 30%

### **Evaluation of a Criminological Study – 15%**

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This assignment requires you to summarize and evaluate an original criminological research study. Details to follow.

Due: March 7 in class

### **Analysis of a Criminological Problem Research Paper – 25%**

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This assignment requires you to research and examine an issue/topic chosen from options provided. Your research paper will

consist of 5-8 pages reporting on the information found. Only academic (scholarly) work may be used for this assignment. Details to follow.

Due: April 25 in class

### ***Class Participation – 10%***

You will be assessed for your attendance and participation in classroom discussions, including presenting a “Crime of the Week” at least once during the course.

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	

# CRIMINOLOGY 166 INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY

## CLASS SCHEDULE WINTER 2012

Subject to revision

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<b>Week 1: February 1</b>	<b>Reading: none</b>
Introduction to the course Review outline Criminology as a social science Research and writing in the social sciences	
<b>Week 2: February 8</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 1</b>
Fundamental Questions Measuring crime Criminological perspectives	
<b>Week 3: February 15</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 2</b>
Classical Theory	
<b>Week 4: February 22</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 3</b>
Biological and Psychological Positivism	
<b>Week 5: February 29</b>	<b>Reading: TBD</b>
Psychological theories, continued	
<b>Week 6: March 7</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 4</b>
Strain Theory/Structural Functionalism	
<b>Week 7: March 14</b>	<b>Reading: None</b>
Strain Theory etc. continued <b>Midterm Exam</b>	
<b>Week 8: March 21</b>	
<b>No class</b>	
<b>Week 9: March 28</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 5</b>
Labelling and Interactionism	
<b>Week 10: April 4</b>	<b>Reading: Chapters 6 and 11</b>
Conflict, Marxism and Critical Criminology	
<b>Week 11: April 11</b>	<b>Reading: Chapters 8 and 9</b>
New Right criminology Left Realism	
<b>Week 12: April 18</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 7</b>
Feminist Perspectives	
<b>Week 13: April 25</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 10</b>
Restorative Justice	
<b>Week 14: May 2</b>	<b>Reading: Chapter 12</b>
Wrap Up and Review	
<b>Week 15: May 9</b>	
Final Exam (in class)	

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/crim.html>