

School of Arts & Science CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CRIM 188

Issues in Criminal Justice Winter 2014

COURSE OUTLINE

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

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records. You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Explain the role of the media in the creation and maintenance of crime myths and in the spread of misinformation about criminal justice.
- 2. Explain how policy is developed within criminal justice and its implications for practice as it pertains to a variety of issues.
- 3. Research and present findings on the political, legal, social, and economic effects of the colonization of aboriginal people in Canada.
- 4. Describe the various roles and practices associated with effective team work.
- 5. Demonstrate effective group work skills to complete a group project.
- 6. Conduct effective oral presentations on criminal justice issues/policy.

3. Required Materials

- (a) Texts reader available in book store, and "Half Breed" by Maria Campbell
- (b) Other supplemental readings handed out in class

4. Course Content and Schedule

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

Week 1 Introduction to course topics and expectations Building a class culture Introduction to effective team/group work

Week 2 Introduction to effective team/group work

Purpose: To introduce students to the importance of effective group work, effective communication between group members and the management of conflict.

Reading: "Managing Conflict"

Week 3 **Evaluation of Media information**

Purpose: To introduce students to media literacy and to examine strategies employed by popular media in conceptualizing, creating and perpetuating definitions of crime

Readings: "The Funhouse Mirror: Media Representations of Crime and Justice", and, "Media Literacy: Skills for Evaluating Media Information"

Week 4 **Experiences of Aboriginal People in Canada**

Purpose: To examine the impact of colonization and assimilation practices on **Indigenous Peoples in Canada**

Reading: "Aboriginal People in Canada: Culture, Colonialism, and Criminal Justice"

Week 5 Myths and moral panics

Purpose: To examine the creation of crime myths and moral panics, by identifying the mythmakers and the policy responses.

Readings: "The Social Construction of Crime Myths", and "The Myth and Fear of Child Abduction"

Introduction to Policy analysis Week 6

Purpose: To analyze the social, political, legal and economic context of policy development and implementation within the justice field (note: Feb. 13 is Reading Break, no class).

-the war on drugs (video: Damage Done)

Week 7 **Policy Analysis**

Harm reduction policy (video: Through the Blue Lens, time

permitting)

Week 8 Oral Presentation Skills/ Written assignment due Feb. 25

Purpose: To introduce students to the mechanics of good oral presentations including the planning of a group presentation and effective delivery skills.

Week 9 Mid-term exam March 4, presentations begin on March 6

Week 10 **Group Presentations**

- Week 11 Group Presentations
- Week 12 Group Presentations Paper due March 25
- Week 13 Group Presentations
- Week 14 Group Presentations

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(This section should be directly linked to the Intended Learning Outcomes.)

- (a) Assignments term paper (20%), written assignment based on Campbell book (10%), presentation (25%).
- (b) Quizzes
- (c) Exams mid term exam (30%), final reflection (10%)
- (d) Other (e.g., Attendance, Project, Group Work) participation 5%

6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	Α		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		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	Incomplete: 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	In progress: 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. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: 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 the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED