



## 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

(a)	Instructor:	Scott Deschamps		
(b)	Office Hours:	Fridays 10:00 -11:00		
(c)	Location:	Lansdown Campus Young 205		
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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. 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

Adler, *Criminology* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition). Mcgraw Hill.

*Writing Reference Manual for the Criminal Justice Program.*

### 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.)

#### **COURSE SCHEDULE (Subject to Revision):**

This schedule is intended to provide you with a guide to the date on which particular topics will be dealt with in class. Additionally, it specifies dates when examinations will be administered and assignments are due. Topic and activity dates may vary slightly due to the flow of the course. Examination dates and assignment due date will, most likely, not change. The instructor will advise you of any changes to this schedule as the course progresses.

#### **Week 1.**

Introduction to course, Criminology and Crime.  
 Defining Crime

- Week 2.**  
 Nature and scope of criminological research  
 Historical perspectives on crime and punishment  
 Classical Theory
- Week 3.**  
 Measuring crime and understanding sources of data  
 Victims and Victimization  
 Individualistic Explanations of Crime- Biological Positivism
- Week 4.**  
 Individualistic Explanation of Crime- Biological Positivism
- Week 5.**  
 Individualistic Explanation of Crime- Psychological Positivism  
**Summary of a Criminological Study Assignment Due: February 8th**
- Week 6.**  
 Sociological Explanations of Crime - Strain Theory
- Week 7.**  
**MID TERM EXAM: March 1st**  
 Sociological Explanations of Crime - Social Process Theories
- Week 8.**  
 Restorative Justice  
 Crime Type
- Week 9.**  
 Marxist Criminology  
 Crime Type
- Week 10.**  
 Feminist Perspectives  
 Crime Type  
**Analysis of a Criminological Problem Assignment Due: March 8th**
- Week 11.**  
 New Right Criminology  
 Left Realism  
 Crime Type
- Week 12.**  
 Critical Criminology  
 Crime Type
- Week 13.**  
 Integrated Theories  
 Crime Type
- Week 14.**  
 What Works Criminology  
 Future trends

## Course Review

### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

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

#### **STUDENT ASSESSMENT:**

(a) MID TERM EXAM	30%
(b) SUMMARY OF CRIMINOLOGICAL STUDY	10%
(c) ANALYSIS OF CRIMINOLOGICAL PROBLEM	20%
(d) FINAL EXAM	30%
(d) PARTICIPATION	10%

#### **(a) Exams 60%**

There will be a formal mid term examination administered during normal class time as part of this course. In addition, there will be a formal final exam administered during the exam period at the end of the term. Each examination is worth 30% of your final grade.

#### **(b) SUMMARY & EVALUATION OF A CRIMINOLOGICAL STUDY 10%**

This assignment requires each student to identify and locate an original criminological research study and to present a formal summary and evaluation of this study. Separate guidelines for this assignment will be distributed.

#### **(c) ANALYSIS OF A CRIMINOLOGICAL PROBLEM 20%**

This assignment requires each student to research and further examine the issue/topic of your first assignment (Summary & Evaluation of a Criminological Study) and produce a final 5-8 page formal report on the information found. Separate guidelines for this assignment will be distributed.

#### **(d) PARTICIPATION 10%**

A participation mark is assigned in consideration a crime type presentation (5%) and demonstrated engagement (5%). The crime type presentation is an optional activity.

#### **Crime Types**

As a portion of each class during week 8 to 13, a crime type will be examined. We will examine aspects such as the specifics of a crime type, the perpetrator, the victim and the circumstance. We will try to understand the crime in consideration the material studied in this course. Such crime types might include: murder, serial killers, sexual crime, domestic violence, kidnapping, gangs, terrorism.

As part of a student's participation mark, students may (not mandatory) make an examination of a specific crime type that will be discussed in class. During the weeks 8 to 13 students can make

a short presentation to the class on a specific crime type. These presentations should be fairly short (10 minutes) and can be done individual or as part of a well organized group. Speak to the instructor if you are interested in this opportunity regarding topic, format and scheduling,

In addition, the instructor will assess each student's participation and/or engagement in the class for 5%. Regular attendance, participation in class discussions and exercises will be considered.

## 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	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](http://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<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

**INSTRUCTIONAL POLICIES:**

**a. Attendance and Participation**

Regular attendance and participation in class are required. It is expected that students will arrive at class on time and that during class students will be attentive, non-disruptive, open minded, constructive and respectful of others. Students are encouraged to identify current events that directly relate to course content.

**All cell phones must be off during class time. No cell phone use or texting is allowed during class time. Save it for breaks, before/after class.**

**b. Class Preparation**

It is expected that students will come to class prepared. Students are expected to have read the assigned readings prior to coming to class and to participate in class activities and discussions.

**c. Examinations**

There will be a formal mid term examination administered during normal class time as part of this course. In addition, there will be a formal final exam administered during the exam period at the end of the term. Each examination is worth 30% of your final grade.

Exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer type questions. You are expected to attend and write these exams on the dates scheduled. If you are late for an exam, you will have only the remaining time allocated to complete the exam. If you are absent for an exam, you will receive a zero as a mark for that exam. If you are absent due to sever illness or accident, a make up examination may be considered upon submission of a doctor's note (the Doctors note must not be an after the fact note saying "Mr, Smith said he was sick on January 15<sup>th</sup>). I you are truly sick, see a doctor and get a note, if you just feel tired, hung over, crappy or unprepared, ... attend and write the exam.

**d. Late Penalty**

All assignments must be completed and submitted at the beginning of class on the due date assigned. All late assignments will be penalized 10% of the total mark per day. The starting point for penalty assignment is immediately after assignments are received by the instructor at the beginning of class. Students having legitimate concern about meeting a due date should consult with the instructor well in advance.

Arrangements for the submission/delivery of late assignments must be made with the instructor on an individual basis. Do not drop the assignment off at the instructor's office, the admissions office, library or any other place or person. Assignments which are submitted contrary to these directions will not be graded.

**e. Written Assignment Requirements**

Assignments must be completed in formal academic format following the style described in the Writing Reference Manual for the Criminal Justice Program. All work must be properly referenced using the APA format. All written assignments for this course must be type written, double spaced, on one side of 8.5"x 11" white paper. All assignments must only be stapled in the upper left corner (one staple only) and without any plastic or duo tang type covers. Assignments submitted contrary to these directions will not be graded.

All assignments submitted for evaluation must be the original work of the student and produced for this course only. The submission of assignments completed for other courses may be considered as academic dishonesty.

**f. Course Completion Requirements**

Students must complete all evaluative requirements to receive a passing grade for this course. Students failing to complete all the requirements will receive an F grade.

**g. Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is the failure to fully and accurately acknowledge the source of all information used in your assignments, thereby giving the impression that the work is your own. Plagiarism includes the use of quotes, or another author's words without using quotation marks or giving the proper reference citation to the original author. Plagiarism also includes failing to document the source(s) of paraphrased information and/or ideas.

**h. Cheating/Academic Dishonesty/Student Conduct**

The Criminal Justice Department has a clearly articulated policy regarding cheating and student conduct as does the College. Cheating may result in suspension and the potential loss of a career in the criminal justice field. Please refer to a current College Calendar and the Criminal Justice Orientation Manual.

**i. Course Withdrawal**

Please refer to the College Calendar for the last day to withdraw from this course without penalty.

**j. Mark/Grade Challenges and Appeals**

A student who is seeking to question a mark and/or formally resolve a grade appeal with the course instructor must clearly articulate in writing the specific elements of the test or the assignment being questioned and provide written reasons/arguments supporting why the mark/grade should be changed. The college appeals process is outlined in the College Calendar.

**k. Student Responsibility**

It is the student's responsibility to familiarize her/himself with the course/ and college policies. Students experiencing difficulties throughout the semester are encouraged to talk with the course instructor at the earliest opportunity.

Enjoy the course.