CRIME, MEDIA AND CULTURE CRIM/MDST 3770-FDE
FALL 2021

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Course Description and Learning Outcomes
This course discusses the representations of crime and law enforcement in the media and popular culture. It explores the ways in which fictional and nonfictional representations of crime and policing shape and distort public attitudes, behaviors, and perceptions.

Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- critically interpret media and recognize the construction of crime and justice (e.g., police, courts, prisons)
- understand how images of media coverage vary across different types of crime (e.g., white collar crime vs. street crime, violent vs. property crime)
- discuss issues of crime, media, and culture within the context of criminological theories
- understand the ways in which media reflects, reinforces, and influences crime and criminal justice policies in Canada
- synthesize literature on crime and media.

COURSE MATERIALS

Required and Recommended Texts
Clifford, K., & White, R. (2017). *Media and Crime: Content, Contexts and Consequence.* Oxford University Press
ISBN-13: 9780195598285

Important Dates
It is NOT the instructor's responsibility to withdraw a student from the course. Not turning in any assignment does not constitute withdrawing from the class. You must follow proper procedure to withdraw the course. You may do this online through MYINFO. If you do not submit assignments without officially withdrawing from the course, you will receive a final course grade of Failure, No Withdrawal (FNW). A grade of "FNW" will have no numerical value that could affect a student's average, but for academic regulation purposes the student will be deemed to have failed the course to which it is assigned.

METHOD OF DELIVERY: ZOOM

Synchronous online course delivery where the instructor and students are all online at the same time, and the material is delivered in real time using methods such as Zoom. Students can ask questions, take tests, or participate in discussions online while the instructor is available to assist them

GRADING AND EVALUATION

**Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) Course—10%--Deadline: -11. September--11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time

The Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) course is a self-guided, professional-development course designed to help students develop an understanding of what academic integrity is, why it matters, how to avoid academic misconduct, and the key components of the LU Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity policy.

The course has 8 modules, each consisting of a short video and a text-based summary of the same material from the video. Students have the option to either watch the video, read the text, or do both, and then complete a short, 5-question quiz to test their acquired knowledge. Students must score 100% on the related quizzes to pass each of the modules. Once students have successfully completed all 8 quizzes, they will be awarded a Certificate of Completion- Academic Integrity Matters. You are required to complete the following Academic Integrity Matters (AIM) Course:
https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-conduct/aim

**Please print out, sign, scan, and submit your certificate in the first week of the course using the dropbox on D2L.
**Kindly note, I DO NOT write reference letters.

GRADING AND EVALUATION

An important note and policy accommodation:
Tests/assignments must be submitted/written on due dates. Exception(s): Cases of personal/family emergency must be accompanied with verifiable documentation e.g., death certificate or a doctor's note

ASSESSMENT DETAILS

**Test # 1: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank(s) and/or written responses
**Test # 2: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank(s) and/or written responses
**Final Exam: True/false, multiple choice, fill in the blank(s) and/or written responses

ASSESSMENT WEIGHTING

**Test # 1=30%--October 5--8:00am—8:00 pm—Test Duration—1 hour
**Test # 2= 30%--November 9-- 8:00 am—8:00 pm—Test Duration—1 hour
**Final exam= 30%--Date to be determined by the university-- Exam Duration: 1 hour

COURSE SCHEDULE, READINGS AND KEY DATES

Course content/Topics:
Week 1--Sept 7 & Sep 9—Course overview and expectation(s)

**Doing media criminology—Chapter 2

Week 2—Sept 14 & Sept 16--Crime in the news—Chapter 3

Video: Russell Williams--The Confession-The Fifth Estate
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij7QRP37WnQ

Week 3—Sept 21 & Sept 23--Police, courts and media—Chapter 4

Week 4— Sept 28 & Sept 30--Victims and offenders—Chapter 5

Video: Video: Michigan woman's 'last note' raises suspicions, leads to cop
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRIcsBWT5qw

Video: He goes missing, his wife marries his best friend (who also wrote his life insurance policy)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvMIegWMIJY

Week 5—Oct 5 & Oct 5--Test 1—30%--8:00 am to 8:00 pm—October 5

** Prisons and innovative justice—Chapter 6

Week 6—Oct 12 & Oct 14—Fall study break—No classes

Week 7—Oct 19 & Oct 21--Youth and moral economy—Chapter 7

Week 8--Oct 26 & Oct 28— Racialized violence and hate crime—Chapter 8

Video: Australia's African Gangs
https://www.aljazeera.com/program/episode/2019/1/10/australias-african-gangs/

Week 9—Nov 2 & Nov 4—Crime of the Powerful--Chapter 9

Week 10—Nov 9 & Nov 11-- Test # 2—30%--8:00 am to 8:00 pm—November 9

Week 11—Nov 16 & Nov 18—Crime as entertainment: The CSI effect

Week 12--Nov 23 & Nov 25--Surveillance, cyberspace and civil society

Week 13—Nov 30—Dec 2—Wrapping the course

***Note: The sequence and content of this syllabus may change without prior notice.

Lakehead University Grading Scale	
A+	90-100%
A	80-89%
B	70-79%
C	60-69%
D	50-59%
E Fail	40-49%
F Fail	1-39%
F Academic Dishonesty	0%

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day of Classes--Tuesday, September 7, 2021
Final Day of Classes--Monday, December 6, 2021
Final Date to Register (Add)--Monday, September 20, 2021
Final Date to Withdraw (Drop)--Friday, November 5, 2021
Examination Period--Thursday, December 9, 2021 - Sunday, December 19, 2021 (11 Days)
Exam Contingency Date--Monday, December 20, 2021
Marks Due--Thursday, December 23, 2021

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

1. Late assignment & make-up exam: Tests, exams and term work
If you are going to miss a test, it is very important that you email me as soon as you know that you will be missing the test. Missed tests will be accommodated only in extraordinary circumstances that are supported by written documentation from a healthcare practitioner using the official Student Health Certificate, available at https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/examination/medical-notes/node/10641

Final examinations run from Thursday, December 9, 2021 to Sunday, December 19, 2021 (11 Days). Midterm examinations for full courses and final examination for all courses are scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

Students are strongly urged NOT to make any commitments (i.e., vacation, job related, or other travel plans) during either the term as a whole or the final examination period. Students are required to be available for all examinations during the periods for which they are scheduled (as published in course syllabus).

It is your responsibility to check the final exam schedule and arrive at the scheduled date/time/location to avoid a grade of zero. There will be no rescheduling of examinations to accommodate holiday travel or extracurricular activities. No one will be allowed to write examinations prior to the scheduled date.

Extensions of deadlines for completion of assignments or writing of midterms/final examinations may be granted to students on the basis of illness, accident, or other extreme and legitimate circumstances beyond their control. Consideration for deferrals will not normally be granted on the basis of vacation/travel plans or job-related obligations.

***You are responsible for the assigned readings; I do not conduct reviews before test(s)/exam(s)

2. Academic integrity
Plagiarism, cheating and academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. Being caught engaging in any such activities will result in disciplinary action either within the course or at the university level. A listing of University Regulations can be found at:
http://navigator.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&catalogid=21&chapterid=3506&loaduseredits=False. The code of student behaviour and disciplinary procedures can be found at: https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/student-related/code-of-student-behaviour-and-disciplinary-procedures.

The following rules shall govern the treatment of students who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly:

(a) The minimum penalty for a student found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.
(b) A student found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or

of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University.

Students disciplined under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures may appeal their case through the Judicial Panel.

3) Disability accommodation

** Students may request interim accommodations for mental health disabilities pending receipt of medical documentation.
** Both temporary and permanent mental health disabilities will be accommodated.

If you have a disability that requires accommodations, I strongly encourage you to make use of those accommodations. I am here to assist you, but need your help in ensuring I accommodate you properly. More generally, Lakehead is committed to maintaining a barrier-free environment so that students with disabilities can fully access programs, courses, services, and activities. Student Accessibility Services (SAS) coordinate services and facilitates reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Academic accommodations are provided on the basis of documentation of a disability. Additional information is available at the following campus website: https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/sas

LAKEHEAD RESOURCES

If you find yourself having difficulty with the course material or any other difficulties in your student life, don't hesitate to ask for help! Contact me, or if it is about an issue beyond this class, please contact your academic advisors, or get help from any number of other support services on campus, including:

The Student Success Centre has many programs and support services in place to help you achieve your academic and personal goals while studying at Lakehead University. They provide academic support through tutoring services, career exploration, co-operative opportunities and leadership development. More information is available here https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-success-centre.

The Lakehead Library provides access to resources, study rooms, and research support both online via chat and in person with more details available here https://library.lakeheadu.ca/.

Public Computer Labs are available on campus where you may write and/or print out your work. For more details go to https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/helpdesk/computer-labs.

Student Life and Services offers health and wellness resources both on and off campus, as well as opportunities for involvement in health and wellness activities. More information is available here https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/student-services/or.

Office of Human Rights and Equity. You have the right to an education that is free from any form of discrimination. A wide variety of resources are available here https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/human-rights-and-equity/resources.