



**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**Sociology 2221 YA**

**Crime & Society**

**Fall/Winter 2017-2018**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10:00 - 11:30 p.m., AT1007**

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**Required and Recommended Readings**

1) Brooks, Carolyn & Bernard Schissel. 2015. *Marginality and Condemnation: an Introduction to Critical Criminology (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.)*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

2) **Recommended** (for the purpose of improving your writing skills): Northey Margot, Lorne Tepperman & Patrizia Albanese. 2012. *Making Sense in the Social Sciences: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing (5<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. Toronto: Oxford University Press.

3) Crime and Inequality (compiled by Walid Chahal, 2017. Lakehead University). Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

**Course Focus:**

In this course, we will critically examine the social construction of criminal law and its application, and the social causes of crime and delinquency by relying on several analytical perspectives. Our main focus, however, will be on perspectives that incorporate gender, class and ethnic relations of power and resistance and their socio-economic, political and historical links.

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- (1) assess a multiplicity of perspectives on the social causes and nature of crime;
- (2) evaluate theoretical explanations of crime causation;
- (3) critically appraise the role of law, and other institutional arrangements in society;
- (4) grasp the nature and distribution of crime and deviance;
- (5) analyze specific types of crime in Canada, including conventional crime, corporate and political crime;
- (6) appraise the policies and programs that are aimed at combating crime and deviance in society



Date	Course Topics	Required Readings	Recommended Readings & Case Studies [Reserve]
Jan.23-Feb. 1;  15 & 27	<b>12. Crime &amp; Gender</b> Theorizing Law & “Race,” Class, & Gender <b>Test 2—Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></b> Gendering Violent Crime Racializing Violent Crime Law & Sexual Assault Zero Tolerance & Domestic Violence Engaging with the Law—the Struggle for Justice	<b>Brooks</b> , chapter 5; <b>Chahal (Comack)</b> , chapter 7; <b>Chahal (Comack &amp; Balfour)</b> chapters <b>5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Brooks</b> , chapters 13,14 & 15 Recommended: Comack, <i>Women in Trouble</i> <b>Case Studies:</b> Comack, <i>The Power to Criminalize (PC)</i> chapter 3 Comack (PC) chapter 4 Comack (PC), chapter 5 Comack (PC), chapter 6 Comack (PC), chapter 7 [Reserve]
Feb. 27-March 1	<b>13. Responses to Crime</b> Peace and Social Justice Perspectives on Crime Changing Responses to Crime	<b>Brooks</b> , chapter 18	Case studies: “ <i>Diversity in Policing</i> ” Report <a href="http://www.diversitythunderbay.ca/?pgid=12">http://www.diversitythunderbay.ca/?pgid=12</a> Recommended: R. <b>Quinney</b> , <i>The Problem of Crime</i> (chapter <b>6—Peace &amp; Social Justice</b> ); Roger C. Barnes: < <a href="http://www.nssa.us/journals/2007-29-1/2007-29-1-05.htm">http://www.nssa.us/journals/2007-29-1/2007-29-1-05.htm</a> >; Brooks, Chapters 19, 20 & 21
<b>March 1</b>	<b>Take-home Exam (2)—Due March 2<sup>nd</sup></b>		
March 1-15	<b>14. Corporate Crime</b> The Extent & Scope of Corporate Crime Defining & Conceptualizing Corporate Crime Prevalence & Measurement of Corporate Crime Theoretical Perspectives—Explanation of Corporate Crime Corporations & Environmental Crime The Treatment of Street Crime vs. Corporate Crime	<b>Chahal (O’Grady)</b> , chapter <b>8</b>  <b>Brooks</b> , chapter 8	Recommended: L. Snider, <i>Bad Business</i> .  <b>Brooks</b> , chapter 7; Reiman, chapter 3-- <i>The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison</i> .
March 15-22	<b>15. Political Crime &amp; Terrorism</b> International Violence & Terrorism Terrorism & the Palestinian /Israeli Conflict Towards a Theory of Anti-Terrorism Causes of Terrorism Crime, Terrorism & Islam	<b>Brooks</b> , chapter 12  <b>Chahal (Teeple)</b> , chapter <b>10</b>	Chahal: <a href="http://edocs.lib.sfu.ca/ccrc/">http://edocs.lib.sfu.ca/ccrc/</a> See also Tariq Ali’s discussion: < <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hdd4SvRkko">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hdd4SvRkko</a> >; K. H. Karim, <i>Islamic Peril</i> (Intro., & chap. 4); Chomsky - Explaining the Reason for Terrorism: < <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSOL8mQFRak">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSOL8mQFRak</a> > Tariq Ali (2013)—Islam and its Discontents: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3S3IJt5v7Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3S3IJt5v7Y</a>
March 22-27	<b>16. Global Violence &amp; the Corporate Media</b> <b>Media Coverage</b> of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: Media Analysis of US Coverage of the Arab-Israeli Conflict Parts 1-3: → <b>Review</b> for the Test	Analysis by Alison Weir: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIOzo82emaA0">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qIOzo82emaA0</a>	Recommended: H. Friel & R. Falk, <i>The Record of the Paper</i> .
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Test 3—March 29<sup>th</sup></b>		
April 3-5	17. Palestinian /Israeli Conflict & International Law—see Left Forum 2016: A Dialogue on Israel and Palestine with Tariq Ali and Norman Finkelstein → <b>The Occupation of the American Mind” Parts 1&amp; 2</b>	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcVytIz1gCE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcVytIz1gCE</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPKc34qgYSw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPKc34qgYSw</a>	See for a background material on the conflict: Occupation 101- Palestine VS Israel: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gTQZVfH16M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gTQZVfH16M</a>

## Course Requirements

There are **four (4) requirements** for this course.

1. **Two Take-home Exams.** Due dates: **Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>** and **March 1<sup>st</sup>** (2 @ 10% each).....**20%**

Each take-home exam consists of one or two essay question(s), and covers all class work, lecture and reading material to date (more details will be given in class).

2. **One Presentation**.....**10%**

Students need to work together in groups and divide the work evenly among the members of their group for this assignment. Every group will consist of **three** students, and every group is required to do the following:

**(A) In-Class Article-Presentation**

Every group will be provided with (an) article(s) on the topic of crime from specific social science journals or books. The group is expected to present at least one article. The presenters should not only **sum up** the main argument(s)/viewpoint or idea(s) of the article, but also **provide a critique** of the article by making use of the concepts, theories and other material covered in class. It is important that the presenters understand their article well and effectively communicate its content to the rest of the students. The presenters should be prepared to lead the discussion and answer questions regarding their topic. They may use overheads or any other prop that will improve their presentation.

**(B) Short Film**--In addition to the article, students may chose to include a short film, or parts of a film (up to 5 minutes) in order to facilitate understanding of a particular part of their topic.

**(C) Community Involvement/Observation (to be incorporated in the presentation)**

Further details will be provided in class.

3. **Three in-class Tests: Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>** (3 @ 20% each).....**60%**

The tests consist of short-answer and essay questions and may include multiple-choice questions. The tests cover all class work, lecture, student presentations, and reading material to date.

4. **Class Participation, Quizzes, and Critical-Reflection**.....**10%**

**Class attendance is expected:** In order to do well in this course, you must attend class on a regular basis. There will be substantial in-class discussions and much of the material covered in lectures will not be found in the reading. In order to participate in class discussions, it is important that you do the readings before coming to class. You must come to class ready to contribute to discussion in a thoughtful way, to ask questions, as well as reflect on the assigned readings.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- The essays (take-home exams) must be formatted according to the **ASA** (American Sociological Association) Style Guide for referencing and citations. For more information, see the following website:  
<http://www.calstatela.edu/library/guides/3asa.pdf>

- Make sure you keep **backup copies of these** essays (take-home exams).
- There is a **penalty** for essays (take-home exams) handed in late.

**Plagiarism** will not be tolerated and will be dealt with according to the University regulations. For more information, see University Regulations section “**IX Academic Dishonesty**” <http://calendar.lakeheadu.ca/current/contents/regulations/univregsIXacdishon.html>

Further, the student will be given additional information concerning course topics, course requirements, evaluation procedures and any other relevant material on the first day of class.

**Recommended Readings (Available on reserve in the main Library and may be accessible on-line on the D2L).**

Anderson, Dawn & Barrie. 2009. *Manufacturing Guilt: Wrongful Convictions in Canada* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

Balfour, Gillian & Comack, Elizabeth. 2014. *Criminalizing Women: Gender, and (In)justice in Neo-Liberal Times*. Halifax & Winnipeg: Fernwood Publishing.

Comack, Elizabeth & Gillian Balfour. 2004. *The Power to Criminalize: Violence, Inequality and the Law*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

Comack, Elizabeth. 2012. *Racialized Policing: Aboriginal People’s Encounters with the Police*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

O’Grady, William. 2014. *Crime in Canadian Context: Debates and Controversies* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Toronto: Oxford University Press.

Reiman, Jeffrey & Paul Leighton. 2017. *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison: Ideology, Class, and Criminal Justice*. (11<sup>th</sup> ed.). New York, NY: Routledge.

Schissel, Bernard. (2006. *Still Blaming Children: Youth Crime, Moral Panics and the Politics of Hate*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

Teeple, Gary. 2009. “Towards a Theory of Terrorism,” in Sandra Rollings Magnusson (eds.). *Anti-Terrorism: Security and Insecurity after 9/11*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

**Further Recommended Readings**

Ali, Tariq. 2003. *Bush in Babylon: the Recolonization of Iraq*. London: Verso.

Carrigan, D. Owen. 1991. *Crime and Punishment in Canada: A History*. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart.

Chahal, Walid. 2004. “Restorative Justice: Rethinking Policy for Canada’s Aboriginal Peoples,” pp: 136-150, in Dawn M. Zinga (ed.). *Perspectives on Multiculturalism (E-book)*, Hamilton Zing Media Inc. Available: <http://www.multiculturaldays.com/downloads/perspbookcomp.pdf>

Chahal, Walid. 2004. “Knowledge Discourses and International Peace and Justice,” pp: 1-39, in

- Canadian Critical Race Conference: Pedagogy and Practice*, May 2003, Conference Proceedings. Simon Fraser University Library's website. Available: <http://edocs.lib.sfu.ca/ccrc/>
- Chomsky, Noam. 2003. *Power and Terror: Post-9/11 Talks and Interviews*. N Y: Seven Stories Press.
- Chomsky, Noam. 1987. *Pirates and Emperors*. Montreal: Black Rose Books.
- Chomsky, Noam. 1979. *The Political Economy of Human Rights: After the Cataclysm, Volume II*. Boston: South End Press.
- Comack, Elizabeth. 1996. *Women in Trouble*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.
- Friel, Howard and Richard Falk. 2004. *The Record of the Paper: How the New York Times Misreports US Foreign Policy*. London: Verso.
- Gabor, Thomas. March 31, 2004. "The Views of Canadian Scholars on the Impact of the Anti Terrorism Act." *University of Ottawa, Department of Criminology*.  
<[http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cj-jp/antiter/tr05\\_1/p3\\_1.html](http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/cj-jp/antiter/tr05_1/p3_1.html)>
- Karim, H. Karim. 2003. *Islamic Peril: Media and Global Violence*. Montreal: Black Rose Books.
- Mannette, Joy. 1992. *Elusive Justice: Beyond the Marshall Inquiry*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.
- Quinney, Richard and John Wildeman. 1990. *The Problem of Crime: A Peace and Social Justice Perspective* (3rd ed.). California: Mayfield Publishing Company.
- Said, Edward. 2003. *From Oslo to Iraq and the Road Map*. New York: Pantheon Books.
- Silverman, Robert A., and Marianne O. Nielsen. 1994. *Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Criminal Justice*. Toronto: HBC.
- Simon, R. David. 2007. *Elite Deviance* (9<sup>th</sup> ed.). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- Smart, C. 1976. *Women, Crime and Criminology: A Feminist Critique*. London Routledge & Kegan Paul.
- Snider, L. 1993. *Bad Business: Corporate Crime in Canada*. Scarborough: Nelson Canada.
- Taylor, Ian. Paul Walton, and Jock Young. 1975. *Critical Criminology*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.
- Wardlaw, Grant. 1982. *Political Terrorism: Theory, Tactics and Counter-Measures*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- Worcester, Kenton, Sally A. Bermanzohn, and Mark Ungar. 2002. *Violence and Politics: Globalization's Paradox*. New York: Routledge.