

SOCIOLOGY 212H – L0101: CRIME AND DEVIANCE
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11:00 – 1:00 Wednesday – LM162

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Course Description

This course is designed to give you an overview of the study of crime and deviance. We will examine how scholars have gone about studying crime and deviance: the methods and statistics they use to study these phenomena and the primary sociological explanations for crime and deviance. We will also consider the empirical evidence as it relates to the validity of these explanations and some of the policy implications of different theoretical approaches.

Course Objectives

1. To introduce students to the range of theories sociologists use to explain crime and deviance.
2. To critically evaluate the different quantitative and qualitative methods used to assess crime and deviance.

Course Policies

Prerequisites: The Prerequisite to take this course is SOC101Y or SOC102H or SOC103H. Students without one of these prerequisites will be removed at any time they are discovered.

Attendance

Attendance is required and students are responsible for ALL material presented in class. Students who are unable to attend class on a given day are responsible for obtaining from their classmates notes on all material covered, as well as information regarding any announcements made in class.

Course Web Site

The course website prepared on the Blackboard system will contain the syllabus, course announcements and outlines of the lectures. Students are responsible for the content of all course materials and for checking their official utoronto.ca email address regularly.

Grading and Evaluation

There are three in-class tests. The first is worth 40% of your grade and covers the first four lectures; the second is worth 40% of your grade and covers the next four lectures. The third and final test is worth 20% of your grade and will be held during the second hour of the last day of

class. All of the tests will cover the assigned readings and all class materials (lectures, in-class discussions *and films*) up to the date of the test. None of the tests are cumulative. The tests are comprised of multiple choice questions. The in-class test dates are highlighted on the syllabus.

Make-up Tests and Medical Excuses

Students who miss a test due to medical illness must provide a written medical excuse within one or two days after the missed test. The only form accepted will be the Verification of Student Illness or Injury form (available at www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca). Doctor's notes are not acceptable substitutes. Dates for make-up tests will be announced in class with the exception of the last test. The date for the make-up for the last test will be posted on Blackboard

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Required Reading: available at the University of Toronto Bookstore

Deutschmann, Linda B. **Deviance and Social Control**, 4th edition. Nelson, Thomson Limited Canada.

Weekly Schedule

DATE	TOPIC	READING
11 September	Course Introduction & Who Defines Deviance	Chpt. 1
18 September	Frontline: "A Hidden Life" Different Methods for Studying Deviance	Chpt. 3
25 September	Conventional Approaches to Measuring Crime and Deviance	Chpt. 2
2 October	Review of Classical Theories of Deviance (and early explanations of crime and deviance)	Chpts. 4 & 5
9 October	TEST #1 (40%)	NO READING
16 October	The Chicago School & Social Disorganization	Chpt. 7
23 October	Functionalism & Strain Theory	Chpt. 8
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30 October	Subculture & Learning Theories Frontline: "The Interrupters"	Chpt. 9
6 November	Interactionist Theories	Chpt. 10
13 November	Test 2 [40%]	NO READING
20 November	Control Theories	Chpt. 11
27 November	Conflict & Radical Theory Test 3 [20%]	Chpt. 12