

**University of Toronto – Sociology**  
**Sociology of Crime and Deviance**  
**SOC 212 H1S L0101**  
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**Fridays 12 – 2 pm**  
**NF 003**

**Instructor Information**

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Blackboard/Course web site: Portal

**Course Topic**

This course will introduce students to major theoretical and substantive debates in the sociology of deviance and crime. We will study classical and contemporary theoretical contributions to the understanding of deviance and social control, including anomie and strain theories, conflict theories, labelling theory, control theory and learning and socialization theories.

Conceptual and historical issues in crime and deviance will be discussed, including violent crime, financial crime, addiction, sexuality, mental illness and stigma. A main objective of the course is to connect theoretical approaches with empirical research and to illustrate how deviance and crime manifest in everyday life.

**Learning Goals & Outcomes**

- Acquire an introductory understanding of the sociology of crime and deviance.
- Identify and critically assess various sociological theories and their effectiveness in explaining crime and deviance.
- Connect and apply course concepts, theories and examples to empirical research and current events.
- Think critically about the relationships between legal and other social practices.
- Formulate research questions, collect appropriate sources and use scholarly research to develop and produce an academic argument.
- Write critically and creatively.
- Communicate individual and collaborative assessments of selected cases.
- Engage in thoughtful and respectful discussion.
- See sociology at work in your own life.

**Prerequisites & Exclusions**

Prerequisite: [SOC101Y1](#) or [SOC102H1](#) or [SOC103H1](#)

Exclusion: SOC212Y1; SOC211H5

Students without the prerequisite to take this course will be removed at any time discovered.

## Course Materials

Anderson, L. *Deviance: Social Constructions and Blurred Boundaries*. 2017.

All other assigned readings are available on Blackboard.

For in-class participation, we use in class web surveys embedded in lecture slides (kahoot.net). You will be able to participate using any mobile device (e.g., laptop, tablet, phone) over UoT's wifi network. Use of this technology is not mandatory. You may also participate by handing in handwritten responses. Please include your name and student number. Should you need help with wireless access, follow this link – <http://help.ic.utoronto.ca/content/20/704/en/wireless-access.html>.

## Evaluation Components & Grading Policies

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	WEIGHT
OUTLINE ASSIGNMENT	Outline your topic and research question for your research essay. Locate a case and annotate academic sources related to your topic.	February 2	10%
TEST 1	In class – multiple choice, short and long answer questions.	February 9	25%
RESEARCH PAPER	Develop scholarly arguments about your essay topic, drawing from class materials and academic sources.	March 9	20%
STUDENT SELECTED ASSIGNMENT	Choose one of the writing assignments from the list below.	March 23	10%
TEST 2	In class – multiple choice, short and long answer questions.	Thursday, April 5	25%
PARTICIPATION	In class participation – Submit online or handwritten answers to questions posed in lecture.	-----	10%

<b>STUDENT SELECTED ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>MEME ASSIGNMENT</b>	Select a class topic and create memes using your own pictures and text. Analyse using course materials.
<b>PERSONAL REFLECTION</b>	Write a reflection piece applying a course concept, theory or reading to a personal experience.
<b>DOCUMENTARY RESPONSE PAPER</b>	Watch a selected documentary and write a response identifying key issues that helped you to understand a course topic. Analyse using course materials.

For more detail on all written assignments, see Blackboard.

### **Grading**

Written Assignment Submission Instructions:

- Upload a copy to Blackboard (before class)
- Upload a copy to Turnitin.com (before class)
- A hard copy is not necessary.

The penalty for late written assignments is 10% for the first day and 5% for each additional day. This includes weekends (yet not stat holidays). Assignments that are more than 7 days late will not be accepted without approved supporting documentation. More information regarding assignment instructions is available on Blackboard.

### **Class Format**

Lectures employ active and applied approaches to learning. During the semester, students will apply course concepts to real-world situations. Readings and lectures will be supplemented with videos, case studies, news stories, documentaries and policy papers that address current issues regarding crime and deviance. Through group discussions and activities, students will develop a greater understanding for course materials and how they impact their daily lives.

Students are expected to read the required material before coming to class. Lectures will expand upon the readings yet will not review them. Lectures are not an adequate substitute for the readings.

Please feel free to drop by office hours if you have any questions. Please check Blackboard weekly and your utoronto.ca email before each class for updates.

## Class Schedule

DATE	TOPICS	READINGS
JAN 5	Introductions & Basics	Anderson - Chapter 1
JAN 12	Positivistic & Structural Theories	Anderson - Chapter 3
JAN 19	Symbolic Interactionist & Social Constructionist Theories	Anderson - Chapter 4
JAN 26	Conflict, Feminist & Post-Modern Theories	Siegel & McCormick - Chapter 9
FEB 2	Violent Crime <i>Homicide &amp; Sexual Assault</i>  <b>Outline Assignment Due</b>	Anderson - Chapter 5 - Chapter 6
FEB 9	<b>Test 1</b>	No Readings
FEB 16	Financially Motivated Crime <i>Street, Corporate &amp; White-Collar Crime</i>	Anderson - Chapter 7 - Chapter 8

<b>FEB 23</b>	Reading Week	No Class or Readings
<b>MAR 2</b>	Addiction <i>Alcohol &amp; Drugs</i>	Anderson - Chapter 9 - Chapter 10
<b>MAR 9</b>	Sexuality <i>Sex Work &amp; LGBTQ Identities</i>  <b>Research Paper Due</b>	Anderson - Chapter 11 - Chapter 14
<b>MAR 16</b>	Medicalization <i>Mental Illness &amp; Disability</i>	Anderson - Chapter 12
<b>MAR 23</b>	Bodies <i>Physical Appearance &amp; Eating Disorders</i>  <b>Student Selected Assignment Due</b>	Anderson - Chapter 13 Bereska - Chapter 7
<b>MAR 30</b>	Holiday – University Closed	No Class or Readings
<b>THURSDAY, APR 5</b>	<b>Test 2</b>	No Readings

Every attempt will be made to follow this schedule, but it is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. The reading list may be updated at the discretion of the instructor.

## Procedures and Rules

### *Missed tests and assignments*

**Accommodation provision:** In general, for missed tests or assignments, the Sociology Department follows the St. George campus policy regarding accommodation for the following three reasons:

- Illness, or
- Religious observances (i.e., holy days), or
  - <http://www.viceprovoststudents.utoronto.ca/publicationsandpolicies/guidelines/religiousobservances.htm>
- Other unplanned circumstances entirely beyond the student's control (e.g., a court subpoena for which you have no option except to show up, a funeral).

Reasons such as “too much work”, technology failure, weddings, family vacations, or not adding the class in time, are not compelling reasons. For assignments, you are expected to plan ahead.

**Timing:** Requests for accommodation must be made within a week of the missed test or assignment.

**Documentation:** In all cases, appropriate supporting documentation is required (e.g., Verification of Student Injury or Illness form available at: <http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca>) a death certificate, an accident report). You must also declare your absence on ROSI.

### **Missed Tests**

Students who miss a term test will be assigned a mark of zero for that test unless they satisfy the following conditions:

- Students who miss a test for reasons beyond their control (e.g. illness or an accident) may request special consideration by contacting the instructor.
- The verification of Student Injury or Illness form **MUST** include the statement “This student was unable to write the test on the date(s) for medical reasons.” Documentation **MUST** show that the physician was consulted within **ONE** day of the test. A statement merely confirming a report of illness made by the student is **NOT** acceptable.
- **Deadlines** – You have up to one week from the date of the missed test to submit your request and supporting documentation. Late requests will **NOT** be considered without a “letter of explanation” as to why the request is late.
- If your submission is approved, the make-up will be organized by the instructor.

### **Late Assignments**

You are expected to complete assignments on time. In order not to be considered late, assignments must be submitted by the due date on the syllabus. As stated above, hardcopies must be handed in at the beginning of class. For the paper, students are asked to submit their paper to Blackboard and Turnitin.com before class. Assignments not submitted through *Turnitin* will receive a grade of zero (0%) **unless a student instead provides, along with their position**

**paper**, sufficient secondary material (e.g., reading notes, outlines of the paper, rough drafts of the final draft, etc.) to establish that the paper they submit is truly their own. The alternative (not submitting via *Turnitin*) is in place because, strictly speaking, using *Turnitin* is voluntary for students at the University of Toronto.

You are expected to keep a back-up, hard copy of your assignment in case it is lost. Email drafts of your paper to yourself regularly, in case of a computer malfunction.

Students who cannot turn in the assignment on time, due to a reason *beyond their control* (e.g. illness, death, accident) may request special consideration by presenting the documentation to the Instructor.

### **Documentation**

The Verification of Student Injury or Illness form **MUST** state that you were ill on the due date of the assignment for a one day extension. For a longer extension you must prove that you were sick during a longer period or prove an exceptional, unforeseen circumstance.

In the extraordinary and unlikely event your documentation indicates that you are too ill to make-up an assignment within the term, you will have to petition the office of the registrar for an extension of time to complete term work.

Late assignments for reasons that are *within your control* will be penalized 10% for the first day and 5% per each subsequent day. Assignments that are more than 7 days late will not be accepted.

The penalty will run from the day the assignment was due until the day it is submitted electronically to Blackboard. The electronic copy must be identical to any hard copy submitted.

The penalty period **includes** weekends and holidays.

Late assignments should be submitted to Blackboard and the course drop box not the department office staff or other instructors and **NOT** by email. The drop box is at the Sociology Department, 725 Spadina Avenue, Room 225 – open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Multiple Tests on Same Day**

The department will accommodate students writing tests scheduled in more than two Sociology courses on the same day, provided the student contacts the Instructor about this issue one week in advance of the test date.

### **Grade Appeals**

Instructors and teaching assistants take the marking of assignments very seriously, and will work diligently to be fair, consistent, and accurate. Nonetheless, mistakes and oversights occasionally happen. If you believe that to be the case, you must adhere to the following rules:

- If it is a mathematical error simply alert the Instructor of the error.
- In the case of more substantive appeals, you must:
  - Wait at least 24 hours after receiving your mark.

- Carefully re-read your assignment, all assignment guidelines and marking schemes and the grader's comments.

You have up to one month from the date of return of the item to inquire about the mark beyond the course instructor. In order to meet this deadline, you must inquire about the mark with your instructor no longer than 15 days after receiving your mark. If you are not satisfied with the instructor's re-evaluation, you may appeal to the Associate Chair, if the term work is worth at least 20% of the course mark. If your work is remarked, you must accept the resulting mark, which may go up or down or remain the same.

If you wish to appeal:

You must submit to the instructor a written explanation of why you think your mark should be altered. Please note statements such as "I need a higher grade to apply to X" are not compelling. Also, please note that upon re-grade your mark may go down, stay the same, or go up. Attach to your written explanation your original assignment, including all of the original comments. Submit a hardcopy of the package to the instructor via email.

### **Electronic Communication and Electronic Learning Technology**

Email communication is rapid, convenient, and efficient—and you are encouraged to use it to enhance your learning and experience in the course. With that said, it is essential that you follow a few rules:

- Assignments will not be accepted via email. See above for how to submit them.
- All course communication should be conducted through Blackboard or your utoronto account.
- All emails must include the course code (e.g., SOC 494) in the subject line.
- All emails should be signed with the student's full name and student number.
- Emails from students will generally be answered within 48 hours of receipt.
- Treat emails as you would any other professional communication.
- Emails that ask questions that are answered in the course syllabus or website (e.g., "how much is assignment X worth") will not receive a response.
- All general questions about the course that are NOT addressed on the syllabus and course website should be posted to the 'general inquiries' section of the Blackboard discussion board.

**Emails that do not follow these guidelines will not receive a response.**

### **Classroom Etiquette**

Students are expected to arrive at class on time. Videotaping and recording lectures is strictly forbidden without written permission from the instructor.

### **Academic Integrity**

Copying, plagiarizing, falsifying medical certificates, or other forms of academic misconduct will not be tolerated. Any student caught engaging in such activities will be referred to the Dean's office for adjudication and punishment. Any student abetting or otherwise assisting in such misconduct will also be subject to academic penalties.

We expect students to cite sources in all written work and presentations. See this link for department citation formats and tips for how to use sources well  
<http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/sociology/resources/resources-students> .

By enrolling in this course, students agree to abide by the university's rules regarding academic conduct, as outlined in the Calendar.

You are expected to have read and understood the on-line document "How Not to Plagiarize" (<http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/advice/using-sources/how-not-to-plagiarize>)

You are expected to be familiar with the "Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters" ([www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm](http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/behaveac.htm)) and *Code of Student Conduct* (<http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/policies/studentc.htm>) which spell out your rights, your duties and provide all the details on grading regulations and academic offences at the University of Toronto.

Normally, students will be asked to submit their course essays to Turnitin.com for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.

## **Student Rights & Resources**

### **Accessibility Centre**

We take seriously our obligation to make this course as welcoming and accessible as feasible for students with diverse needs. Students are encouraged to registrar with the Centre (and, if appropriate, alert the instructor) as early in the term as possible. In many instances it is easier to arrange certain accommodations with more advance notice, so we strongly encourage you to act as quickly as possible. With that said we understand that disabilities can change over time and will do our best to accommodate you. Students seeking support must have an intake interview with a disability advisor to discuss their individual needs.

To schedule a registration appointment with a disability advisor, please call the Centre at 416-978-8060 or e-mail at: [accessibility.services@utoronto.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@utoronto.ca). See also <http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as>.

The university has many Writing Centres which offer workshops, seminars and individual appointments to help students identify and develop their skills. Check out <http://www.writing.utoronto.ca/writing-centres/arts-and-science> for more information.

**Equity & Diversity**

The University of Toronto is committed to equity and respect for diversity. All members of the learning environment in this course should strive to create an atmosphere of mutual respect. As a course instructor, I will neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual in this course and wish to be alerted to any attempt to create an intimidating or hostile environment. It is our collective responsibility to create a space that is inclusive and welcomes discussion. Discrimination, harassment and hate speech will not be tolerated. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns you may contact the UOT Equity and Diversity officer.