

SOCY 225A – Introduction to Criminology

3 credits, 3 hours lecture

Examination and attempted explanation of crime and juvenile delinquency, with an analysis of the social processes leading to criminal behaviour. Major theoretical perspectives on criminality and the operation of the Canadian criminal justice system will be reviewed.

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Monday 1:30 to 2:30 pm

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Hours of Instruction

Monday, 3:30 to 4:50 PM

Wednesday 3:30 to 4:50 PM

273 Clearwater Centre (Schmidt Lecture Hall)

Required Resources

- Rick Linden, *Criminology: A Canadian Perspective (Eighth Edition)*. Nelson Education Limited, 2016
- Additional readings and/or other resources may be added to Moodle or distributed in class.

Course Outcomes

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

- Articulate the manner in which societies define some behavior as criminal;
- Demonstrate an understanding of trends in Canadian criminal behavior and the operation of the Canadian criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate an understanding of major criminological theoretical perspectives such as strain, social control, conflict, feminist and labelling theories by applying theories to types of crime and specific criminal acts.

Evaluation

First Mid-term Exam	20%
Second Midterm Exam	20%
Essay	20%
Final Exam	40%

A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.

1) *Written Assignment (20%) – March 25th*

The written assignment will consist of an analysis of a specific criminal incident based on court records and media coverage. Students will be asked to use the theories presented in class to analyze why this crime occurred and what the appropriate societal and justice system response should be. .

2) *IN-CLASS MID-TERM EXAMS (20% Each) – January 28 and March 4*

The mid-term exam may consist of a combination of multiple choice questions, fill in the blank questions, true/false questions and short and long answer questions.

3) *FINAL EXAMINATION (40%) –*

The final exam may consist of a combination of multiple choice questions, fill in the blank questions, true/false questions and short and long answer questions. The exam will be administered in class for the full period, and will cover ALL course materials.

Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory Progression	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor Minimum Pass	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

Proposed Schedule of Topics

Week	Date	Topic	Chapter
1	January 9	Introduction to Class	
1	January 11	What is Crime?	Chapter 1
2	January 14 & 16	Profiles of Crime in Canada	Chapters 4
3	January 21 & 23	➤ Dealing with Crime	Chapters 2 and 3
4	January 28	***First Mid-term Exam***	
4	January 30	Explaining Crime: Historical and Psychological Perspectives	Chapters 8 and 9
5	February 4 & 6	Explaining Crime: Social Structure	Chapters 10 & 14
6	February 11 and 13	Explaining crime: Power Relationships	Chapters 11 and 12
7	February 18 & 20	Reading Week	
8	February 25 & February 27	Explaining crime: interaction or circumstances	Chapter 13 and 15
9	March 4	***Second Mid-Term Exam***	
9	March 6	Who commits crimes?	Chapter 5
10	March 11 & 13	Gender and Crime	Chapters 6
11	March 18 to 20	Organized Crime and White collar crime	Chapter 16 and 17
	March 25	****WRITTEN ASSIGNMENT DUE***	
12	March 25 & 27	Solving crimes: getting it right and getting it wrong	
13	April 1	Crime in Fort McMurray	
13	April 3	Cannabis Legalization	
14	April 8	The Harm of Crime	Chapter 7
14	April 10	Review	
15		FINAL EXAM: TBA	

Please Note:

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

Performance Requirements**Student Responsibilities**

It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College credit calendar.

More specific details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

Laboratory Safety

In the science laboratories, safety is important.

Students must complete the *WHMIS for Students* online training course on Moodle before entering the science laboratories.

Students must comply with the mandatory laboratory safety rules for this course as provided in the laboratory manual. Failure to do so will result in progressive discipline such as a verbal warning, refused entry into the laboratory, or suspension from the College.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a students' learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating to the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and / or notes that may be due.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating)
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications
- The willful distortion of results or data
- Substitution in an examination by another person
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Student Code of Conduct Policies.

In order to ensure your understanding of the concept of plagiarism, you must successfully complete the online tutorial found on ilearn.keyano.ca. Then print the certificate, sign it, and show it to each of your instructors. Your course work will not be graded until you show this signed certificate.

Specialized Supports

The Student Academic Support Services (SASS) department: Accessibility Services, Skill Centre and Wellness Services, work together to support student success at Keyano College.

Accessibility Services (CC167) supports student success through group and individualized instruction of learning, study and test taking strategies, and adaptive technologies. Students with documented disabilities, or who suspect a disability, can meet with the Learning Strategists to discuss accommodation of the learning barriers that they may be experiencing. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to visit our office at their earliest opportunity to discuss

the availability of accommodations in their current courses. Individual appointments can be made by calling 780-791-8934

Skill Centre (CC119) provides a learning space where students can gather to share ideas, collaborate on projects and get new perspectives on learning from our tutorial staff. Students visiting the centre have access to one-to-one or group tutoring, facilitated study groups, and assistance in academic writing. The Skill Centre's Peer Tutor program provides paid employment opportunities for students who have demonstrated academic success and want to share what they have learned. Tutoring is available free to any students registered at Keyano College on a drop in basis, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Additional evening hours are subject to tutor availability and are posted in the Skill Centre.

Wellness Services (CC260) offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators offer a safe and confidential environment to seek help with personal concerns. The Mindfulness Room in CC260 is available as a quiet space for students to relax during regular office hours. Wellness Service welcomes students to participate in any of the group sessions offered throughout the academic year addressing such topics as Mindfulness and Test Anxiety. Individual appointments can be made by calling 780-791-8934.

Please watch your Keyano email for workshop announcements from our Student Academic Support Services team.