



ORIGINAL COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 1975
 REVISED COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2025
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED (six years after UEC approval): August 2030
 Course outline form version: 28/10/2022

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: CRIM 100	Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)												
Course Full Title: Introduction to Criminology Course Short Title: Intro to Criminology													
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences	Department (or program if no department): Criminology and Criminal Justice												
Calendar Description: Examines the historical evolution of criminological thought, and criminology and criminal justice as a science and profession. Investigates the structure, content, theoretical paradigms, and practical applications of criminology and how it applies to the Canadian criminal justice system.													
Prerequisites (or NONE):	None.												
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):	None.												
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):	None.												
Antirequisite Courses <i>(Cannot be taken for additional credit.)</i> Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>(If offered in the previous five years, antirequisite course(s) will be included in the calendar description as a note that students with credit for the antirequisite course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.)</i>	Course Details Special Topics course: No <i>(If yes, the course will be offered under different letter designations representing different topics.)</i> Directed Study course: No <i>(See policy 207 for more information.)</i> Grading System: Letter grades Delivery Mode: May be offered in multiple delivery modes Expected frequency: Every semester Maximum enrolment (for information only): 36												
Typical Structure of Instructional Hours <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Lecture/seminar</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;">45</td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total hours</td> <td style="text-align: center;">45</td> </tr> </table>	Lecture/seminar	45									Total hours	45	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) PLAR is available for this course.
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Scheduled Laboratory Hours Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Transfer Credit <i>(See bctransferguide.ca.)</i> Transfer credit already exists: Yes Submit outline for (re)articulation: Yes <i>(If yes, fill in transfer credit form.)</i>												
Department approval	Date of meeting: April 16, 2024												
Faculty Council approval	Date of meeting: May 31, 2024												
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval	Date of meeting: August 29, 2024												

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the historical evolution of criminological thought and criminology as a science and profession.
2. Describe the measurement and patterns of crime in Canada.
3. Compare and contrast key criminological theories and approaches (e.g., classical school, positivist school).
4. Analyze major themes in criminology and Canadian criminal justice: correctional issues; drug use; Indigenous experiences; media and crime; mental illness; policing issues; victimology.
5. Explain terminology commonly used in the discipline of criminology and criminal justice (e.g., crime, deviance, criminal, victim, rehabilitation, and treatment).
6. Articulate the treatment of Indigenous Peoples, racialized groups, and marginalized groups by the criminal justice system.
7. Identify recent trends in criminology and Canadian criminal justice.

Recommended Evaluation Methods and Weighting (*Evaluation should align to learning outcomes.*)

Quizzes/tests:	50%	Assignments:	50%	%
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Details:

Assignments may include term papers, critical analysis thought papers, presentations, or in-class writing assignments.

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Instructional Methods (*Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.*)

Lectures and discussions (May vary at department's discretion.)

Texts and Resource Materials (*Include online resources and Indigenous knowledge sources. [Open Educational Resources](#) (OER) should be included whenever possible. If more space is required, use the [Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form](#).)*)

Type	Author or description	Title and publication/access details	Year
1. Textbook	Boyd, N.	Understanding Crime in Canada: An Introduction to Criminology, 3rd edition. (Emond Montgomery Publications)	2024
2. Textbook	Hoffman, R., Brown, G. P., & Siegel, L. J.	Introduction to Criminology, 4th edition. (Cengage)	2022
3. Textbook	Monchalín, L.	Chapter 12: Euro-Canadian 'Justice' Systems and Traditional Indigenous Justice. In the Colonial Problem: An Indigenous Perspective on Crime and Justice in Canada. (University of Toronto Press)	2016
4. Textbook	Linden, R.	Criminology: A Canadian Perspective, 9th edition. (Nelson)	2020
5. Textbook	Siegel, L. J., & McCormick, C.	Criminology in Canada: Theories, Patterns, and Typologies, 8th edition. (Cengage)	2024

Required Additional Supplies and Materials (*Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.*)**Course Content and Topics**

- Introduction to the course; What is criminology? What is a criminologist?
- Counting crime and patterns of crime
- Criminal law and the courts
- Media and crime
- Theories of Crime (e.g., sociological, psychological, critical)
- Policing issues (e.g., use of force, systemic racism)
- Correctional issues (e.g., administrative vs disciplinary segregation)
- Victimology
- Gender and crime; Racialized groups; Intersectionality
- Indigenous experiences with criminal justice
- Mental illness and crime
- Drug use and crime