

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS, EDUCATION, AND COMMERCE

FALL, 1994

COURSE: Sociology 2250 3(3-0) UT(3)
Criminology
SO 2250 A2 M-W-F 1:00-1:50 (J 131)

PREREQUISITE: Sociology 1000 (or equivalent)

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M-W-F 9:00 - 10:30,
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by Appointment, or anytime if I am free.

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:

Sociology 2250 is an introduction to the study and analysis of crime from a sociological perspective. The course attempts to answer the questions:

- (1) How much crime is there in Canada?
- (2) Who are the criminals and what are they like?
- (3) What are the major types of criminal behavior?
- (4) Why do people engage in criminal behaviour? and
- (5) What are we doing to stop or at least reduce crime in our society?

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE:

- A. To understand the social and legal basis for the definition of crime and deviance.
- B. To understand the major issues, debates, and controversies which frame the attempts to measure the incidence of crime and the attributes of criminals.
- C. To understand the structural, cultural, and demographic characteristics of criminal behaviour;
- D. To understand the variety and variability of theoretical perspectives to explain crime and criminality;
- E. To understand how historical and contemporary responses to crime incorporate and reflect the goals of punishment, treatment, and prevention of crime.

EVALUATION METHODS:

There will be three examinations, and an optional term paper in this class. Your classroom participation will also be evaluated. Each is described below:

Examinations: The examinations will be a combination of "objective", short answer, and essay questions. The final examination will cover materials from the entire course.

Research Paper: A research paper (term paper) is optional in this course. If you think you want to write a term paper, I will make every effort to assist you toward a successful and rewarding experience. I have a handout with suggestions for the structure and style of the paper and examples of several different papers written in past years. If you think you want to write a paper, make an appointment and we'll talk it over.

If you want to write a paper, you must let me know before the first examination so we can adjust the weight on the examinations. You may assign up to 35% of your mark to the research paper if we agree.

Classroom Participation: Each person will start with a credit of 20 marks for participation. From time to time, each person will be asked to respond to specific questions. Failure to be able to respond will result in the loss of one mark. Extra marks will be awarded up to a maximum of twenty marks.

GRADING SYSTEM:

GRADE	INTERPRETATION	PERCENTAGE EQUIVALENT
9		90 +
8	Excellent	80-89
7		72-79
6	Good	65-71
5		57-64
4	Pass	50-56
3	Fail	45-49
2		26-44
1		0-25

MARKS:

Examinations	80%
First Exam	35%
Final Exam	45%
Class Participation	20%

LEARNING RESOURCES:

- Sacco, Vincent F. and Kennedy, Leslie W. THE CRIMINAL EVENT: AN INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY. Nelson, 1994.
- * Silverman, Robert, and Kennedy, Leslie. DEADLY DEEDS: MURDER IN CANADA. Nelson, 1993.
- * Snider, Laureen, BAD BUSINESS: CORPORATE CRIME IN CANADA. Nelson, 1993.
- * OPTIONAL; ONLY ONE OF THE TWO MUST BE READ

COURSE SCHEDULE

INTRODUCTION: Defining Our Criminology Course
07 September

DEFINING CRIME

09 September - 14 September
Read: Sacco & Kennedy, Ch 1.

EXPLAINING THE "CAUSE" OF CRIME

16 September - 07 October
Read: Sacco & Kennedy, Chs 2, 3, and Ch 4,
Silverman and Kennedy, pp 41-64.
Snider, pp. 43-86

FIRST EXAM: 12 October

THE CRIMINAL EVENT: WHAT HAPPENS?

14 October - 21 October
Read: Sacco & Kennedy, Ch 5.

MEASURING CRIME: HOW DO WE KNOW (What We Know and Don't Know)?

24 October - 4 November
Read: Sacco & Kennedy, Ch 6.
Silverman and Kennedy, pp. 8-40.
Snider, pp. 27-38.

SECOND EXAM: 7 November

LEISURE, DOMESTIC AND FAMILY CRIME

09 November - 21 November
Read: Sacco & Kennedy, Chs 7 and 8.

WORK AND CRIME and CRIME AS WORK

23 November - 2 December
Read: Sacco and Kennedy, Ch 9.
Snider

RESPONDING TO CRIME

05 December - 09 December
Read: Sacco and Kennedy, Ch 10.

***** Final Exam Scheduled by Registrar's Office *****

1. Keep this outline. It will be your course reference throughout the term.
2. You are responsible for changes (additions and/or deletions) to this outline made in class.
3. It is your responsibility to attend class. Should you be unable to attend class, it is your responsibility to find out what was missed.