

# COURSE OUTLINE

# Criminology 101 Introduction to Criminology

**University Credit Program** 

Campus: Prince Rupert

Term: Fall Semester

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**Credits:** 3.0 credits

## **Course Description:**

The study of crime and its control has been a popular topic of academic debate. Many divergent beliefs exist about crime and its control. The aim of this course is to provide a thorough overview of the field of criminology by examining and analyzing historical data, statistical information, theoretical approaches and other such information. Specific topics will include: concepts of crime and criminology, the nature and extent of crime, the factors which promote or cause criminal behaviour, various types of crime, victims of crime, and the criminal justice system.

# **Course Delivery Format:**

Criminology 101 is a 45-hour course, involving three hours of instruction per week for 15 weeks.

## **Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

There are no prerequisites or co-requisites for this course.

# **Recommended Follow-up Courses:**

Criminology 103 Criminology 213 Sociology 102 Sociology 251

Criminology 210 Sociology 101 Sociology 250

## **Transfer Credits:**

The following Universities and University-Colleges in BC give transfer credit for Criminology 101:

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (Crim 1100 - 3 credits)

Simon Fraser University (Crim 101 3 credits - B-Soc)

Thompson Rivers University OL (Crim 1019 – 3 credits)

Trinity Western University (Huma 100 level - 3 credits)

University of British Columbia (First Year Arts - 3 credits)

University of the Fraser Valley (Crim 104 - 3 credits)

University of Northern BC (SoSc 100 level - 3 credits)

University of Victoria (Soci 200 level - 1.5 credits)

Vancouver Island University (Crim 101 - 3 credits)

Students applying to institutions other than these may request a review of their transcript, and transfer credit may then be given. More detailed information on transfer credit can be found on the web site for the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (www.bccat.bc.ca).

## **Required Materials/Texts:**

Siegel, Larry J., Gregory P. Brown and Ron Hoffman 2013 *CRIM*, Second Canadian Edition. Nelson Education, Toronto.

# **Recommended Readings/Resources:**

Henry, Stuart and Mark M Lanier

2006 The Essential Criminology Reader. Westview Press, Boulder. HV6025 E77 2006

Hickey, Eric W.

2013 Serial Murderers and their Victims, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wadsworth Cengage Learning, Belmont, CA. HV6529 H53 2013

Hunter, Ronald D. and Mark L. Dantzker

2012 *Crime and Criminality: Causes and Effects.* Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder. HV6080 H85 2012

Jackson, Margaret A. and Curt T. Griffiths

1995 Canadian Criminology: Perspectives on Crime and Criminology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Harcourt Brace and C. Toronto. HV6807 C26 1995

Madensen, Tamara D. and Johannes Knutsson

2011 Preventing Crowd Violence. Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder. HV6474 P74 2011

O'Grady, William

2007 Crime in Canadian Context: Debates and Controversies. Oxford University press, Don Mills, Ont. HV6807 047 2007

#### **Evaluation Profile:**

Paper topic, bibliography, research cards and outline	10%
Research paper	20%
Class participation	10%
Study questions	10%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	25%
TOTAL	100%

$A^+ = 95-100\%$	$B^+ = 80-84\%$	C <sup>+</sup> = 65-69%	P = 50-54%
A = 90-94%	B = 75-79%	C = 60-64%	F = 0-49%
A = 85-89%	B = 70-74%	C = 55-59%	

# **Assignments:**

Each student will write a research paper on some aspect of the course material. The paper should be 8-10 pages long. At least <u>five published sources</u> (books or journal articles) should be used in preparing the paper. The internet and the course textbook <u>do not count</u> as major sources.

In preparation for writing the research paper, each student will identify a topic, do library research to identify possible sources and produce a bibliography, take notes from their sources, and prepare a detailed outline. These steps are <u>required</u>. Due dates are given below in the course schedule.

Class participation counts for 10% of the final grade for Anthropology 101. The mark assigned will be based on attendance and participation in class discussions.

There are four sets of study questions during the term. All questions will be drawn from your readings in the textbook. Each set will consist of 20 multiple-choice questions and one paragraph question.

The midterm exam will cover material presented during the first half of the course. The final exam will cover material from the second half. Both exams will consist of short answer and paragraph questions.

If you are unable to complete an assignment on time, be sure to see me BEFORE the due date to request an extension. If there is a valid reason, a short extension will be given. Otherwise, the penalty for late submission of work will be 10% per day.

# **Classroom Etiquette:**

To make the classroom experience more enjoyable and effective as a place of learning, students are asked to adhere to the following set of guidelines:

- Please do not wear strong perfumes or other scents.
- 2. Please arrive in class on-time, especially if an exam is scheduled.
- 3. If you have a cell phone, please ensure that it is turned off or silenced during class time.
- 4. If you bring a computer, please use it for note-taking only, not chatting or surfing the internet.
- 5. Please do not talk among yourselves during lectures.
- 6. If you have to leave early, please sit at the back of the class and leave as quietly as possible.

# **Operational Details:**

## **College Policies:**

Northwest Community College has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grades), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. Copies of these and other policies are available in the College Calendar and in the Library.

Attendance:

Attendance in class is recommended but not required. Experience has shown that students who attend classes regularly do far better than those who are often absent. If you miss a class, you may have missed important information about assignments, exams or upcoming opportunities. Under these circumstances, you should make sure you find out what you missed.

Missed Exams and Late Assignments:

If you miss a scheduled examination or submit course work after it is due for medical reasons, you must notify your instructor as soon as possible. To ensure that all students are treated fairly, your instructor will ask for appropriate evidence to support your claim. If the reason is of a medical nature, then a statement from a doctor may be required.

Students with Disabilities, Illness, or Injury:

If you need a course adaptation because of a disability, illness or injury, or if you have emergency medical information to share with me, please see me as soon as possible. You may also find it useful to contact the Accessibility Support Services Co-ordinator.

Cheating/Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is the presentation of another person's words, ideas, interpretations, insights, or order of points as your own. All work submitted must be your own words and content, and not written by a tutor or friend. Whenever you use sources for an essay or assignment, you must avoid plagiarism by documenting them. The College calendar establishes procedures for plagiarized assignments.

#### Course Schedule:

Week #	Topic/Assignments	Text Reading
Week 1: Sept. 4 / 6	Introduction. Crime and Criminology	Siegel et al: Ch. 1 (pp. 2-22)
Week 2: Sept. 11 / 13	The Nature and Extent of Crime  Paper topic due: Sept. 13.	Siegel et al: Ch. 2 (pp. 24-47)
Week 3: Sept. 18 / 20	Victims and Victimization Study Questions I due: Sept. 20.	Siegel et al: Ch. 3 (pp. 48-66)
Week 4: Sept. 25 / 27	Choice Theory: Because They Want to Bibliography for paper due: Sept. 27.	Siegel et al: Ch. 4 (pp. 68-87)

Week 5: Oct. 2 / 4	Trait Theory: It's In Their Blood Study Questions II due: Oct. 4.	Siegel et al: Ch. 5 (pp. 88-110)
Week 6: Oct. 9 / 11	Social Structure Theories Research cards for paper due: Oct. 11.	Siegel et al: Ch. 6 (pp. 112-132)
Week 7: Oct. 16 / 18	Review and MIDTERM EXAM	No assigned readings
Week 8: Oct. 23 / 25	Socialization and Crime	Siegel et al: Ch. 7 (pp. 134-154)
Week 9: Oct. 30 / Nov. 1	Social Conflict Theory: a Dog-Eat-Dog World  Outline for paper due: Nov. 1.	Siegel et al: Ch. 8 (pp. 156-174)
Week 10: Nov. 6 / 8	Integrated Theories: Things Change Study Questions III due: Nov. 8.	Siegel et al: Ch. 9 (pp. 176-195)
Week 11: Nov. 13 / 15	Violent Crime RESEARCH PAPER due: Nov. 15.	Siegel et al: Ch. 10 (pp. 196-221)
Week 12: Nov. 20 / 22	Property Crimes	Siegel et al: Ch. 11 (pp. 222-238)
Week 13: Nov. 27 / 29	White Collar Crimes and Organized Crime Study Questions IV due: Nov. 29.	Siegel et al: Ch. 12 (pp. 240-260)
Week 14: Dec. 4 / 6	Public Order Crimes and Review	Siegel et al: Ch. 13 (pp. 262-285)
Week 15: Dec. 11 / 13	FINAL EXAM (No scheduled classes)	No assigned readings