

CJ 1101

INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE

TEXTBOOK: Griffiths, Curt. *Canadian Criminal Justice: A Primer 3rd Ed.*
Paciocco, David *Getting Away With Murder: The Canadian Criminal Justice System*
Additional assigned readings on WebCT

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The primary objective of this course will be to examine the various interrelated components (police, courts and corrections) of the Canadian Criminal Justice System and to develop an understanding of the roles played by those who work within this system. Particular emphasis will be placed on examining both the strengths and limitations of the justice system as well critically examining the policy and program changes directed at improving the existing justice system.

INSTRUCTION:

The primary method of instruction will be lectures and class discussion. Guest speakers who work in the justice system and videos will also be utilized.

COURSE EVALUATION:

Final grades will be determined on the basis of the following evaluations:

Test 1	20%
Test 2	25%
Test	25%
Court Observation	5%
Final Exam	25%

Tests are **not** cumulative. Students will be responsible for both the lecture material and assigned readings. Each test will consist of multiple choice and short answer questions.

Please remember to bring student identification and a pencil to all tests. All tests are closed book.

The following policies regarding grading are in effect:

- 1) Under no circumstances will early tests be given.
- 2) Make-up test will be allowed if there is a legitimate reason (i.e. Illness) for the absence. In the case of illness, a note from a doctor is required. **The student must notify the instructor immediately after the missed test if they wish to write a make-up. Failure to do so will result in a grade of F (0 credits) for the missed test.** Messages can be left with the Department of Criminal Justice (786.9188).

3) A grader/marker may be used to assist in marking a portion of tests and written assignments.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT:

Early departures, late arrivals, text messaging and disruptive behaviour is distracting to other students and your instructor. Although computers are permitted in the classroom for note taking, using them for other purposes is not acceptable classroom decorum. Please be respectful and courteous.

GRADES:

The following letter/percentage scale will be used for each of the three tests.

A+ = 90-100%	B+ = 75-79%	C = 60-64%
A = 83-89%	B = 70-74%	D = 50-59%
A- = 80-82%	C+ = 65-69%	F = 0-49%

COURT OBSERVATION:

VALUE: 5 % of final grade

(Late papers will not be accepted.)

ASSIGNMENT LENGTH: 2-3 pages, double spaced, TYPED.

INSTRUCTIONS: Observe one 2 hour court session. Court is in session from 10:00- 12:00 and from 2:00- 4:00 Monday through Friday. The Law Courts building is located at 408 York Ave.

You may choose to observe in any of the following:

Provincial Judges Court

Queen's Bench

Family Violence Court

Youth Court (Located at the Manitoba Youth Centre)

Select one of the following topics:

Treatment of Witnesses

Treatment of Victims

The Role of Defense Council

The Role of the Accused

The Role of the Crown Attorney

The Role of the Judge

Leniency in Sentencing

Bail Supervision

Or students may select an alternate topic after consulting with the instructor.

Note: It is the responsibility of the student to keep a paper copy of all assignments submitted to the instructor.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy regarding **academic ethics** (i.e. cheating). It is outlined in The University of Winnipeg Course Calendar under the heading; Regulations and Policies.

<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/calendar-calendar>

WITHDRAWAL DATE:

The final date to withdraw from the course without academic penalty can be found online. <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-withdrawal-schedules>

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students with documented disabilities requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., access to volunteer note-takers) are encouraged to contact the Coordinator of Disability Services (DS) at 786-9771 to discuss appropriate options. Specific information about DS is available on-line at <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-disability>. All information about the disability is confidential.

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COURSE OUTLINE AND REQUIRED READINGS****Part One:****INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Overview of the Criminal Justice System
Criminal law and Criminal Justice
Crime Trends and Patterns in Canada
Victims and the Justice System

Readings

Griffiths	Chapters 1, 2
Paciocco	Chapters 1, 2, 5, 16

Test 1**Part Two:****THE POLICE**

Police Operations
The Police at Work
Police Powers
Issues in Canadian Policing

Readings

McIntyre	Nowhere to Run chapter 1-3 on WebCT
Griffiths	Chapters 3, 4
Paciocco	Chapters 6, 8, 9, 10

Test 2

Part Three: THE COURTS

Description of the Canadian Court System
Current Issues in the Courts
Goals of Sentencing
Issues in Sentencing
Alternatives to Traditional Courts

Readings

Griffiths	Chapters 5, 6
Paciocco	Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Test 3 READING WEEK

Part Four : CORRECTIONS

Description of Corrections in Canada
Prisons and Prisoners
Community Corrections
Current Issues in Corrections

Readings

Griffiths	Chapters 7, 8
Paciocco	Chapter 4, 17

FINAL EXAM	April Exam Period
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Link to exam schedule: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/current-exam-schedule>