

SOCI 206 A01¹-Crime and Deviance

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Course Description and Objectives

In this course, students will be introduced to the key explanations of crime and theories in the sociology of deviance, crime, and social control. Students will be encouraged to think critically about what deviance is, who defines it, and whether this definition changes over time. We will cover a wide range of topics including portrayals of crime in the media, racialization, colonialization, and criminalization, traditional criminological theories (explanations for participation in 'crime'), feminism and crime, crimes of the powerful, and violence. We will also consider criminal justice system responses to crime: incarceration, restorative justice, rehabilitation, etc. and how the way that crime and deviance is measured impacts both official (state) and public responses to crime.

By the end of this course, students will be able to identify the differences between various theoretical approaches to crime and deviance and explain the main assumptions of each approach. This course will provide students with critical thinking skills that allow them to evaluate and discuss the official and unofficial responses to crime as well as identify the key challenges of current responses to crime.

Format of Classes:

This course will be delivered in person.

Required Resources will Include:

Siegel, L.J., & McCormick, C. (2020). *Criminology in Canada: Theories, patterns, and typologies* (7th ed.). Nelson Education.

*Earlier editions of the text are acceptable, however it should be noted that we will have approximately 9-10 quizzes over the course of the term that will be based on the most recent edition

¹ This online outline is only intended to give an overall sense of the course. Detailed course outlines will be made available for all registered students on the first day of class. Only those outlines are to be considered official.