SOCI 206 A01¹
Crime and Deviance

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Course Description and Objectives

In this course, students will be introduced to the key 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, race and crime, women and crime, and crimes of 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 affects both official 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 identify the key challenges of current responses to crime.

Required Textbook


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.