

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: CRIM 103		Number of Credits: 3 Course credit policy (105)																	
Course Full Title: Introduction to the Criminal Justice System																			
Course Short Title (if title exceeds 30 characters): Intro to Criminal Justice																			
Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences		Department (or program if no department): CRIM																	
Calendar Description: Analyzes historical and contemporary operational practices of the criminal justice system (CJS). Students are taken through the CJS process, beginning with the moment a crime is reported through the various decision stages to the paroled release of a convicted offender.																			
Prerequisites (or NONE):		None																	
Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None																	
Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):		None																	
Equivalent Courses (cannot be taken for additional credit) Former course code/number: Cross-listed with: Equivalent course(s): <i>Note: Equivalent course(s) should be included in the calendar description by way of a note that students with credit for the equivalent course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.</i>		Transfer Credit Transfer credit already exists: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Transfer credit requested (OREg to submit to BCCAT): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if yes, fill in transfer credit form) Resubmit revised outline for articulation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No To find out how this course transfers, see bctransferguide.ca .																	
Total Hours: 45 Typical structure of instructional hours: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Lecture hours</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seminars/tutorials/workshops</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Laboratory hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Field experience hours</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online learning activities</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other contact hours:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </table>		Lecture hours	45	Seminars/tutorials/workshops		Laboratory hours		Field experience hours		Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)		Online learning activities		Other contact hours:		Total	45	Special Topics Will the course be offered with different topics? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, different lettered courses may be taken for credit: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, repeat(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, no limit <i>Note: The specific topic will be recorded when offered.</i>	
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		Maximum enrolment (for information only): 36 Expected frequency of course offerings (every semester, annually, every other year, etc.): Every semester																	
Department / Program Head or Director: Amanda McCormick		Date approved: July 27, 2017																	
Faculty Council approval		Date approved: November 3, 2017																	
Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)		Date of posting: n/a																	
Dean/Associate VP: Jacqueline Nolte		Date approved: November 3, 2017																	
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting: February 23, 2018																	

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Describe the progression of an offender and victim through the subcomponents of the Canadian criminal justice system.
2. Explain criminal justice from a systems perspective.
3. Interpret crime and victimization patterns and trends.
4. Explain the role of the public and media in criminal justice.
5. Describe the structure, function and responsibilities of the following components of criminal justice: police, court and corrections.
6. Identify current and emergent criminal justice issues and challenges for reform.
7. Identify the mission, roles and strategies of policing.
8. Compare and contrast the differences between community-based and institutional corrections.
9. Discuss the competing rationales and justifications for sanctions.
10. Articulate the structure, operation and challenges of the correctional system.
11. Recognize and explain the impact of diversity in the system and on all those involved in the system.
12. Articulate the basic concepts related to the elements of criminal law and procedure.
13. Identify and discuss various types of courts and court system.
14. Explain how social, cultural, political, and economic forces interact with and shape the subcomponents of the system.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

☒ Yes ☐ No, PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because

Typical Instructional Methods (guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion)

Lectures and discussions, occasional films, or guest speakers

Grading system: Letter Grades: ☒ Credit/No Credit: ☐ Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: Yes ☐ No ☒

NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.

Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (if more space is required, download Supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form)

Author (surname, initials)	Title (article, book, journal, etc.)	Current ed.	Publisher	Year
1. Griffiths, C.T.	Canadian Criminal Justice: A Primer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nelson	2015
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>		
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>		

Required Additional Supplies and Materials (software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing, etc.)**Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting**

Final exam:	%	Assignments:	25%	Midterm exam:	%	Practicum:	%
Quizzes/tests:	75%	Lab work:	%	Field experience:	%	Shop work:	%
Other:	%	Other:	%	Other:	%	Total:	100%

Details (if necessary):

Typical Course Content and Topics

Week 1 Introduction to course, overview of system components, and public concerns
 Week 2 The influence of crime, criminals, victims, politics, and social change in shaping the system
 Week 3 Organization and functions of policing in Canada
 Week 4 Police powers, use of force, discretion, and common concerns
 Week 5 Organization and function of court system in Canada
 Week 6 Role of judges, prosecutors, defense counsel, jury, and review of current issues
 Week 7 Sentencing
 Week 8 The Canadian prison system
 Week 9 Community-based corrections in Canada
 Week 10 Federal release programs and review of current issues
 Week 11 Young offenders
 Week 12 Special categories of offenders
 Week 13 A review of the radical perspective on the criminal justice system and the future of criminal justice in Canada (course review)