

**St. Francis Xavier University
Department of Sociology**

Sociology 351.10
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Canadian Criminal Justice

This course examines the origins and functioning of the Canadian Criminal Justice system and how it differs from other systems around the world. Topics include the structure and role of the police, the operation of the court system, and the processes of institutional and community-based corrections. More generally the issues to be examined include, the origin of laws and the concern with social control; an understanding of the legal system within the context of a democratic society; the role of the system as a means of social control; who in society the system benefits the most; and how it comes to be experienced as a form of social oppression by so many of those it claims to serve.

Course Text and Readings

There is one required textbook for this course: *Introduction To Criminal Justice* by Kelly Gorkoff (Toronto: Pearson, 2022). Additional academic and popular readings and video presentations will also be assigned as the course proceeds. Whenever possible these additional resources will be either posted or linked to from the course Moodle page.

Evaluation

Mid-Term Test	25%
Term Assignment	25%
Participation	10%
In-Class Exercises	5%
Final Exam	35%

Attendance, Respect, and Academic Integrity

Regular class attendance is important and expected of everyone enrolled in the course. Please be sure you are familiar with the regulations on course attendance and withdrawal as outlined on page 14 of the University Calendar. Note also that plagiarism and academic dishonesty are considered very serious academic offenses which can seriously and permanently impact your academic record and career. What constitutes such offenses and

how they will be responded to is outlined in the University Calendar on page 14 under “Academic Integrity”.

Everyone learns more effectively in a respectful, safe and equitable learning environment, free from discrimination and harassment. I invite you to work with me to create a classroom space that fosters and promotes values of human dignity, equity, non-discrimination and respect for diversity. Please feel free to contact the Human Rights and Equity Advisor Megan Fogarty if you have questions or concerns about equity in any class or in the StFX Community in general. Megan can be contacted by email at mfogarty@stfx.ca or by telephone at 902-867-5306.

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Office Hours

My office is in Nicholson Tower, Room 616, however for this first term, office hours will be held virtually, meaning I may not physically be in the office during these times and the “meeting” will be on line. The virtual office hours are:

Monday	12:00 to 2:00
Wednesday	10:00 to 12:00
Friday	11:00 to 1:00 (by appointment)

There will be times when I am unable to be in the virtual office during the posted office hours due to committee and department meetings or unforeseen circumstances. If this happens, please send an email message and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Other times can be arranged by appointment if you are unable to make those listed. Contact me through e-mail to arrange a meeting or to ask any questions.

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Schedule of Topics

(Subject to modifications as the class progress)

The class meets in CO 120 on Monday @ 9:45 to 11:00 am & Wednesday @ 8:15 to 9:30 am

	Monday	Wednesday
Sept. 7 th		Introduction
Sept. 12 th & 14 th	Introduction to Criminal Justice	The Flow through the System
Sept. 19 th & 2 nd	What is Crime	Theories of Criminal Justice
Sept. 26 th & 28 th	History of Policing in Canada	Who gets Policed and Why
Oct. 3 rd & 5 th	Police Training and Organization	The Use of Force in Policing
Oct. 10 th & 12 th	Thanksgiving (No Class)	Criminal Law (Mid-Term test)
Oct. 17 ^h & 19 th	The Court System	Crime and Punishment
Oct. 24 th & 26 th	Plea-Bargaining	Sentencing Options
Oct.. 31 st & Nov 2 nd	Gladue Reports	Class Exercise
Nov. 7 th & 9 th	Study Break – No Classes	
Nov. 14 th & 16 th	Correctional Ideology	Correctional Programming (Term assignment due)
Nov. 21 st & 23 rd	Correctional Programming (cont')	Community Corrections
Nov. 28 th & 30 th	Correctional Objectives	The Problem of Youth Justice

Important Dates:

The midterm will be due on Wednesday, October 12th 2022. The term assignment is due in class on Wednesday, November 16^h 2022. The Final examination will be a “take-home” exam, distributed on the last class of the term. **The deadline to drop a three-credit first-term course is Wednesday, November 2nd 2022.** Students choosing to do so must be sure the course is dropped online, in Banner in order for the course grade-to-date to be omitted from one’s official university transcript. After this date students are not permitted to drop courses without permission from their Dean. No longer attending does not, by itself, constitute dropping the course.

Note: Due to the time constraints related to the submission of grades, no assignments will be accepted beyond 24hrs after the Due date, and only then, with permission (exceptions for dire emergencies only).