

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

Sociology 351.20
Fall Term, 2021

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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%

Important Dates: The mid-term test will be a take-home distributed October 6th 2021 and due a week later on October 13th , 2021. The due date for the Term Assignment is Thursday November 17^h 2021 (Note: Be sure to consult the distributed guidelines for the term assignment before you begin work on it). The Final examination will be written during the regular exam period at a time yet to be scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Note that the deadline to drop a three-credit first term course this term is Tuesday, November 3rd 2021.

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 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:

Tuesday	12:00 to 2:30
Thursday	11:00 to 1:00

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 Rm ___ on Monday @ 9:45 to 11:00 am & Wednesday @ 8:15 to 9:30 am

	Monday	Wednesday
Sept. 8 th		Introduction
Sept. 13 th & 15 th	Introduction to Criminal Justice	The Flow through the System
Sept. 20 th & 22 nd	What is Crime	Theories of Criminal Justice
Sept. 27 th & 29 th	History of Policing in Canada	Who gets Policed and Why
Oct. 4 th & 6 th	Police Training and Organization	The Use of Force in Policing
Oct. 11 th & 13 th	Thanksgiving (No Class)	Criminal Law
Oct. 18 th & 20 th	The Court System (Mid-Term Test Due)	Crime and Punishment
Oct. 25 th & 27 th	Plea-Bargaining	Sentencing Options
Nov. 1 st & 3 rd	Gladue Reports	Class Exercise (Term Assignment Due)
Nov. 8 th & 10 th	Study Break – No Classes	
Nov. 15 th & 17 th	Correctional Ideology	Correctional Programming
Nov. 22 nd & 24 th	Correctional Programming (cont')	Community Corrections
Nov. 29 th & Dec. 1 st	Correctional Objectives	The Problem of Youth Justice

Dec. 6th

Review – Final Exam Overview