

Sociology 325-01: Introduction to Deviance and Social Control Winter 2011

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Course Description:

This course concerns two fundamental and interrelated issues in sociology, namely, how "society" regulates individual behaviour, and what explains behaviour that violates those regulations. These issues constitute the topics of the sociology of deviance: the study of social rules (encompassing norms, laws, taboos, rules of etiquette, "unwritten" codes of interpersonal interaction, and other elements of the regulation and routineness of human social life), their sources, their enforcement, their violation, and responses to their violation. To address these issues we will engage three broad topics in this course: the nature of deviance, theories of deviance, and forms of deviance, including mental illness, homicide, drug use, prostitution, corporate misconduct, and others.

Required Texts:

Clarke, Edward J, ed., 2007. *Deviant Behavior: A Text-Reader in the Sociology of Deviance*. **Seventh Edition**. New York: St. Martin's (EJC in course outline). **DO NOT PURCHASE PREVIOUS EDITIONS!**

Linden, Rick, ed., 2009. *Criminology: A Canadian Perspective*. **Sixth Edition**. Toronto: Nelson Education (RL in course outline). **DO NOT PURCHASE PREVIOUS EDITIONS!**

Both are available in the University Bookstore.

Course Requirements:

Two term tests, each worth 25% of your final grade, and a final exam worth 50% of your final grade, constitute the course requirements and the basis on which grades will be assigned. **The term tests are not cumulative**. Tests will comprise multiple-choice

questions and short essay components. No fewer than five days before each test, I post to my website a study guide for it. It has been my experience that you will probably fail the test if you do not use the study guide and so it is imperative that you get it. I will announce its posting in lecture.

Your attendance is anticipated, and since I depend to a great extent on lecture material in producing test items, it is very much in your interest to attend every lecture. It is your urgent duty NOW to find one, or preferably more than one, person(s) to rely on for notes when you miss lecture. I will not share my own notes with anyone for any reason. Powerpoints of all lectures are posted at my website.

Test Dates: **Thursday, February 17,** and **Thursday, March 31.**

Any student may skip the first midterm and instead to write the March 31 midterm for double its weight (50% instead of 25%), and this is entirely the choice of the student. You do not have to inform me of this decision and I do not have to see any documentation regarding your absence.

Students missing the SECOND midterm have two options: One is to elect to write a final exam worth 75% instead of 50%, and the second is to write the missed midterm at times that are departmentally scheduled.

In all cases, except for the final exam, **I do *not* want to see a "doctor's note" regarding absence from either term test.** There are several reasons for this: First, procuring these notes is a waste of our public health resources; second, the note itself does not require that you actually be ill; third, the vast majority of health complaints for which students miss tests don't actually require doctor visits; and fourth, a student with Norovirus or the other communicable disease is infecting untold dozens of people by visiting a public medical office. **I do not want doctor's notes.**

Grading Scale

Letter grades will be assigned based on the following scale:

A+	96-100
A	90-95
A-	85-89
B+	80-84
B	74-79
B-	70-73
C+	67-69
C	63-66
C-	60-62
D+	57-59
D	53-56

D- 50-52
F 0-49

Research Ethics : Students are advised that any research with human subjects-- including any interviewing (even with friends and family), opinion polling, or unobtrusive observation--must have the approval of the Departmental Ethics Committee. In completing course requirements, students must not undertake any human subjects research without discussing their plans with the instructor, to determine if ethics approval is required.

Academic Misconduct: cheating is regarded as a serious academic offense. Students are advised to consult the University Calendar, which presents a Statement of Intellectual Honesty and definitions and penalties associated with cheating, plagiarism, and other academic misconduct.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside an instructor's office or the Department main office. Term assignments must be returned to students individually, during class, or during the instructor's office hours; if a student is unable to pick up her/his assignment s/he may provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Safewalk: The University of Calgary provides a "safe walk" service to any location on Campus, including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones, and campus housing. For Campus Security/Safewalk call 220-5333. Campus Security can also be contacted from any of the "Help" phones located around Campus.

Academic Accommodation: Students with a disability, who require academic accommodation, need to register with the Disability Resource Centre (MC 295, telephone 220-8237). Academic accommodation letters need to be provided to course instructors no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of class. It is a student's responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre and to request academic accommodation, if required.

Handing in Papers Outside of Class, Return of Final Papers, and Release of Final Grades:

1. When students are unable to submit papers at class, they should make arrangements to hand in their papers directly to the instructor or teaching assistant rather than at the Sociology Department main office.
2. Final papers will not be returned through the Sociology Department main office. The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, (i.e., outside an instructor's office, the department office, etc.). Students who want their final papers returned by mail must attach a stamped, self-addressed envelope with the paper. Otherwise final papers will only be available for pick-up during the instructor's office

hours at the end of this term or the beginning of the next term.

3. Final grades are not posted by the Sociology department. They are only available online.