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CRIM 1150: Introduction to Criminology

EFFECTIVE DATE

DEPARTMENT

UT Humanities
DESCRIPTION

This course will present an overview of the concepts, themes, and issues encountered in the discipline of criminology (or the study of crime). The course explains the basic concepts of criminology such as crime, deviance, rehabilitation, and the victim, as well as looking more in-depth at critical theories of race, ethnicity, gender, and class. We will examine the development of criminology through classical and modern theories. The relationships between theory and practice are also examined.

CREDITS

3.0

YEAR OF STUDY

1st Year Post-secondary

PREREQUISITES

None

COREQUISITES

None

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

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

- Describe criminology as an interdisciplinary body of knowledge relative to other disciplines of study;
- Define key terms and concepts used in criminology;
- Explain the relationship between theory and practice of criminology;
- Discuss the history and evolution of classical and modern criminological thought;
- Discuss the nature and distribution of crime and delinquency;
- Discuss theoretical perspectives on the causes and character of crime;
- Discuss social and institutional responses to the crime problem;
- Describe criminological research, including trends in criminology;
- Provide examples of the practical application of criminology;
- Discuss the foundations of scientific criminology policies; and

- Critically evaluate the implications and applications of historical and contemporary criminology relating to Aboriginal peoples

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & RECOGNITION (PLAR)

None

HOURS

Lecture: 60

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

Lectures, Class and Group Discussion, Library Research

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade (A-F)

PASSING GRADE

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EVALUATION PLAN

Type	Percentage	Assessment activity
Participation	15	Seminar participation
Assignments	25	30-45 minute group discussion assignment
Portfolio	20	Homework assignments for each of the 5 general topic areas
Project	10	Paper Proposal (1-3 pages)
Project	30	Term Paper (2500 words)

COURSE TOPICS

- Responses to crime and deviance
- Critical criminology
- Feminist criminology
- Convict criminology
- Aboriginal and Restorative Justice

LEARNING RESOURCES

None

Notes:

- Course contents and descriptions, offerings and schedules are subject to change without notice.
- Students are required to follow all College policies including ones that govern their educational experience at VCC. Policies are available on the VCC website at:
<https://www.vcc.ca/about/governance--policies/policies/>.
- To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at <https://www.bctransferguide.ca>.

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