

Criminology: SO 2250

Fall 1999: M & W: 1:00-2:20

Arts, Education, & Commerce

Grande Prairie Regional College

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

- o The course entails an examination of sociological conceptions of crime, types of crime, and measurement of criminal behavior. A portion of the course is devoted to a description of the Canadian criminal justice system.

REQUIRED TEXT

- o Hackler, J. C. (1999). *Canadian Criminology (Second Edition)*. Scarborough: Prentice Hall Allyn & Bacon Canada.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES

- o All class sessions will be devoted to lectures and discussions. Lecture material is distinct from readings. Lectures are intended to complement and expand on assigned readings rather to duplicate this material.
- o Exams will cover the assigned readings and class lectures. The examinations will consist of a multiple choice and short written answer and/or essay questions that draw, equally, on material from lectures and readings. The balance of these will vary from test to test, with an increasing essay component for the final. The examinations will be non-cumulative. Make up exams are not permitted.
- o Being on time for class and class attendance is expected and required.

GRADING

- o There are four exams, worth 25% each.

LECTURE SCHEDULE

Date	Topic	Readings
Sept. 8	Introduction	None
Sept. 13	The criminological enterprise	Chs. 1, 2, 3, & 6
Oct. 4	Exam # 1 (all materials covered to date)	
Oct. 6	Explanations of crime	Chs. 7, 8, 10, & 11
Nov. 15	Exam # 2 (all materials covered to date since exam 1)	
Nov. 17	Modern crime patterns	Chs. 15, 16, 17, & 20
Nov. 29	Exam # 3 (all materials covered to date since exams 1 & 2)	
Dec. 1	Responding to crime	Chs. 21 & 22
	Final Exam (all materials covered to date since exams 1, 2 & 3): Date TBA	