

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Sociology 2253A– Sec. 530
Administration of Criminal Justice

Time: Tuesday: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Fall Term 2019
Thursday: 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Room: 201

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Course Description:

This course will focus on a sociological analysis of the criminal justice system in Canada (public involvement, police, courts and correctional programs) charged with the responsibility of preventing crime, apprehending and convicting suspects and dealing with convicted offenders. Topics of discussion will include: nature of criminal justice and classification of offenders, juvenile justice, differential aspects of criminal justice, crime trends and patterns, victimology, the police and society, penal philosophies, pretrial and sentencing processes, correctional services and treatment of offenders and perspectives for penal reforms. A cross cultural analysis will be considered in order to obtain a better understanding of the organization, structure, and functioning of the criminal justice system.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the functions of criminal law and the basic guidelines doing criminal justices. (Social Awareness and Engagement)
2. Display a broad knowledge of the nature and classification of criminal offences and penalties as specified in the Criminal Code of Canada. (Self Awareness and Development)
3. Identify and critically evaluate the organizational levels and functions of criminal justice institutions in Canada. (Critical Thinking)
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the various models (strategies) of criminal justice from a cross cultural perspective. (Social Awareness and Engagement)
5. Display a good knowledge of typologies of crime and apply various theories that explain why people commit criminal acts. (Communication / Critical Thinking)
6. Describe the organizational levels of law enforcement in Canada and understand the major issues in Canadian policing including police violence and corruption. (Inquiry and Analysis / Critical Thinking)

7. Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental rights afforded to criminal defendants by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. (Self Awareness and Development)
8. Identify and evaluate some of the major crime detention techniques used by crime investigators. (Valuing)
9. Explain the roles of the crown attorney, defense lawyer, court judge and the jurors. (Communications)
10. Understand the operation of the Canadian court system including pre-trial and trial processes, penal sanctions, and wrongful convictions. (Social Awareness and Engagement)
11. Identify the different legal defenses the accused admit to committing the criminal act. (Social Awareness and Engagement)
12. Evaluate prison and community-based treatment and rehabilitation programs for convicted violators. (Valuing /Critical Thinking)
13. Demonstrate knowledge of the functions of probation and parole agencies in Canada. (Social Awareness and Engagement)
14. Recommend new perspectives (strategies) for crime control and penal reforms in Canada. (Problem Solving / Inquiry and Analysis)

This course will not only be helpful to students who major in the social sciences, but also to counsellors, social workers, police officers, teachers, parents and students of law.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 from Sociology courses at the 1000 level

Class Attendance: Any student who is absent too frequently from class, may be debarred from taking the required examinations in the course.

Note: The use of recording devices in class are strictly prohibited.

Required Text:

Griffiths, Curt, Canadian Criminal Justice in Canada (Sixth Edition 2019)

Reference Texts These books will be used as reference when required. Do not buy these books.

1. Ruddell, Rick, Exploring Criminal Justice in Canada (Oxford University Press 2017)
2. Goff, Colin, Criminal Justice in Canada (Seventh Edition) 2017

Evaluation Procedures

1. Mid-term exam – October 22, 2019 Tuesday, 2:30pm-4:30pm.....50%
2. Final exam–December 2019–date will be posted by the registrar’s office.....50%

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GENERAL OUTLINE

1. Introduction: What is Criminal Justice?
 - a) basic components of criminal justice
 - b) characteristics of criminal law (Edwin Sutherland)
 - c) basic guidelines in doing criminal justice (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms)
 - d) models regarding the source of criminal law
 - e) early sources of the criminal law: a historical perspective
2. Nature and classification of offences
 - a) criminal offences (indictable, summary conviction and hybrid)
 - b) provincial offences
 - c) criminal justice funnel
 - d) the problem of overlegislation
3. Organizational levels of Criminal Justice Institutions in Canada
 - a) federal ministries associated with criminal justice
 - b) provincial and territorial governments associated with criminal justice
 - c) municipal government and enactment of by-laws
 - d) the cost of operating the criminal justice system in Canada
4. Models of Criminal Justice
 - a) the crime control model (deterrence and selective incapacitation)
 - b) the due process model (equal justice for all citizens)
 - c) the restorative justice model (an alternative approach to criminal justice)

5. Differential aspects of Criminal Justice

- a) time and place
- b) the sex (gender) factor
- c) ethnic and racial disparities
- d) social class biases

6. Types of Crime and Victimization

- a) violent crimes (homicides, assaults)
- b) crimes against property
- c) upper world crimes
- d) hate motivated crimes
- e) criminal victimization

7. The police in contemporary society

- a) organizational levels of law enforcement in Canada
- b) Aboriginal police forces
- c) functions of the police
- d) crime response and crime prevention strategies

8. Issue in Canadian policing

- a) police discretion and decision making
- b) changing composition of police forces
- c) deviance by the police
- d) visible minorities and the police
- e) use of deadly force by and against police officers

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9. Crime Detection (Criminalistics)

- a) forensics (crime fighting techniques)
- b) socio-psychological profiling
- c) racial profiling
- d) other methods and techniques to solve crimes
- e) criminal interrogation

10. The pre-trial process

- a) detection and evaluation of criminal evidence
- b) the power to arrest and interrogation
- c) search and seizure
- d) right to counsel and legal aid
- e) the bail process

11. The courts and trial procedure

- a) a general overview of the court system (structure and operation) in Canada
- b) the preliminary inquiry
- c) plea-bargaining: objectives and consequences
- d) insanity and legal responsibility
- e) the right to jury trial

12. Sentencing as a process

- a) the purpose of sentencing
- b) penal sanctions given by courts
- c) factor influencing decisions in sentencing
- d) sentencing disparity and discrimination
- e) victim participation in sentencing
- f) wrongful convictions

13. The Death Penalty (Capital Punishment): An Endless Debate

- a) in what sense is a “social” issue
- b) arguments supporting capital punishment
- c) arguments against capital punishment
- d) public attitudes toward capital punishment

14. Community-based corrections programs

- a) true diversion as an alternative to court referral and incarceration
- b) probation and intermediate sanctions
- c) conditional release from prison: full parole
- d) pains of inmates’ re-entry into society
- e) non-profit organizations and community corrections programs

15. Contemporary Canadian Correctional Institutions

- a) general demographic profile of federal and provincial correctional institutions
- b) the role of corrections in Canadian society
- c) prison-based treatment and rehabilitation programs
- d) the pains of imprisonment
- e) Do treatment and rehabilitation programs work?

16. Perspectives for crime control and penal reform

- a) conservative views: Applying the penal philosophy of deterrence
- b) liberal views
- c) critical perspective
- d) other recommendations (restorative justice etc. and reform of the criminal justice system)

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

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1. For the Mid-term exam read:

- A) Griffiths, Kurt – Canadian Criminal Justice, Sixth Edition 2019
(Chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

2. For the Final exam read:

- A) Griffiths, Kurt – Canadian Criminal Justice, Sixth Edition 2019
(Chapters: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14)

2019-20 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding [Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be found at http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12.

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services (http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. Submitting a **Self-Reported Absence** form provided that the conditions for submission are met;
2. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
3. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Portal

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance of 48 hours or less that is sufficiently severe to render them unable to meet academic requirements should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours. Note that the excused absence includes all courses and academic requirements within the up to 48 hours, it is not intended to provide an excused absence from a single course while students fulfill their academic responsibilities in other courses during that time.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

1. Students will be allowed a **maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
2. The duration of the absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;
3. The excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period if the student undertakes significant academic responsibilities (writes a test, submits a paper) during that time;
4. Self-reported absences will **not** be allowed for scheduled final examinations; midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
5. Self-report absences may **not** be used for assessments worth more than 30% of any course;

6. Any absences in excess of 48 hours will require students to present a Student Medical Certificate (SMC), or appropriate documentation;
7. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24** hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf ;
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

The [full policy on requesting accommodation due to illness](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be viewed at:

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2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis.

Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please refer to the [Registrar's website](http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/), <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>.

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

3. ABSENCES

Short Absences: If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Extended Absences: If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory (http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_68).

4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at: http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20.

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

Plagiarism:

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked Tests/exams:

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14.

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

6. PREREQUISITES

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

7. SUPPORT

Support Services

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Skills Services at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>)

Mental Health and Wellness

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Mental Health & Wellness at Brescia** (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/mental-health-wellness/>) and **Health and Wellness at Western**, http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html.

Sexual Violence

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/sexual-violence/>.

Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.
