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**Sociology 3395-001/2
Criminal Justice & Corrections
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1. INTRODUCTION:

The increasingly expansive and powerful role of the criminal justice system in Canadian society makes it an important topic of study. In this class criminal law and procedure are examined as social institutions influenced by various socio-political forces, as contested instruments of social control and change. Emphasis will be placed on the production of "criminal justice" through the criminal justice system by focussing on the operation and interaction of its various institutions (the police, courts and corrections), as well as on the roles, responsibilities, and key encounters that occur between various actors therein (the accused, victim, police, defence counsel, crown prosecutor, judge, and correctional authorities). In addition to gaining a realistic understanding of the limits and possibilities of criminal law, students will be engaged in recent debates about law reform (e.g. gender and justice, sentencing controversies, restorative justice, victims and offender rights etc.).

Text:

Goff, Colin (2008) Criminal Justice In Canada (Fourth Edition)
(Toronto: Thomson- Nelson Canada).

In addition, I will be placing supplemental readings/ lecture notes on reserve at the Library as the class progresses. These are marked with an asterisk in the class schedule below.

Evaluation

Mid-Term Exam:	February 20	(30%)
Research Paper	March 23	(40%)
Final Exam:	During exam schedule	(30%)

Research Paper

A detailed outline of the requirements for this assignment will be distributed in class. I emphasise that I strongly encourage students to pursue original topics of interest upon consultation.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

January 9: Orientation/ Introduction

January 12 - 14: Overview of the Canadian Criminal justice system

Read: Goff Chapter 1 (pp.1-31)

January 16 - 21: Criminal Law and Criminal Justice in Canada

Read: Goff Chapter 2 (pp. 32-62)

January 23 - 26: Crime Control/ Criminal Justice Policy

Read: Goff Chapter 3 (pp. 63-94)

January 28 - 30 Trends, Patterns and Perceptions of Crime

Read: Goff Chapter 4 (pp.95- 119)

February 2-6: Policing

Read: Goff Chapters 5 & 6: (pp. 120-185)

February 9-11: Pretrial Criminal Procedures

Read: Goff Chapter 7: (pp. 186-218)

February 13-18: The Courts and Trial Procedure

Read: Goff Chapter 8: (pp.219-250)

*Manarin, pp. 146-157

*Burstein, pp. 158-168

*Cole, pp. 169-185

February 20: *MID-TERM EXAM*

February 23-27 *Spring Break: No Classes*

March 2-4: Sentencing and Punishment

Read: Goff Chapter 9: (pp. 251-282)

March 6-9: Victims and Criminal Justice 1: Legal Issues &

Subjects' Experiences

Read: *Hagan 8-13;

*Kenney 53-66;

*Joutsen 95-124.

March 11-16: Victims and Criminal Justice 2: Official

Responses

Read: * Elias 213-224

* Davis & Smith 269-286

* Dept. of Justice 1-32

* Umbrecht 337-351

March 18-20: Alternatives to Prison

Read: Goff Chapter 10 (pp. 283-307)

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March 23-25: Corrections

Read: Goff Chapter 11 (pp. 308-339)

March 27-30: Community Reintegration

Read: Goff Chapter 12 (pp. 340-366)

April 1-3: Youth Justice

Read: Goff Chapter 13: (pp. 367-398)

April 4: Contemporary Issues/ Challenges

No readings

April 8: Review Class

***FINAL EXAM HELD DURING REGULAR EXAM**

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