



CRIM-210 – Law, Youth and Young Offenders

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2022

Course Outline Review Date: 2026-09-01

Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

This course is an analysis of the nature, prevalence, characteristics and consequences of youth crime, deviance and responses to youth crime in Canada. Students examine the social construction of youth crime and young offenders. The history of youth crime legislations, legal frameworks, theoretical explanations and statistics of youth deviance are analyzed.

Program Information:

This course can be used as a Sociology or Criminology elective in several University Arts and Sciences Programs. Refer to the College Program Guide for additional information.

Delivery Methods: On-campus (Face-to-Face), Hybrid – On-campus (Face-to-Face) and Online, Online

Credit Type: College of the Rockies Credits

Credits: 3

Course type/s: Social Sciences

Instructional Activity and Hours:

Activity	Hours
Classroom, Directed Studies or Online Instruction	45
Seminar/Tutorials	
Laboratory/Studio	
Practicum/Field Experience	

Co-op/Work Experience	
Other	
Total	45

Course Requisites:

- Complete all of the following
 - Earned a minimum grade of C- (55%) in each of the following:
 - ENGL100 – English Composition (3)
 - One 3-credit 100-level course in Criminology or Sociology.

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

Course Transfer Credit:

For information about receiving transfer credit for courses taken at either British Columbia or Alberta institutions, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/> or <https://transferalberta.alberta.ca> . For more transfer credit information, please visit <https://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

All requests for course transfer credit from institutions in British Columbia or elsewhere should go to the College of the Rockies Enrolment Services office.

Textbook Resources:

Textbook selection varies by instructor and may change from year to year. At the Course Outline Effective Date, the following textbooks were in use:

Online Reading Package

Additional Readings & Resources will be made available electronically.

Please see the instructor's syllabus or check COTR's online text calculator <http://go.cotr.bc.ca/tuition/tCalc.asp> for a complete list of the currently required textbooks.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- explain the rationale, history and current structure of the youth criminal justice system in Canada;
- evaluate the uniqueness and complexity of youth criminal behaviour;
- evaluate the theoretical explanations and critical perspectives of youth criminal behaviour;
- discuss the principles and influences that guide responses to youth crime;
- describe youth justice proceedings, including pre-trial and trial procedures;
- discuss alternatives to the formal youth justice processes;
- assess the future of the youth criminal justice system;
- distinguish between youth crime and deviance;
- understand alternative measures and diversion strategies for youth;
- recognize needs and supports required for Indigenous youth;
- analyze and interpret statistics related to youth crime;
- understand the social construction of youth crime;
- analyze evidence based prevention, intervention and treatment strategies;
- recognize the role of media in youth deviance; and
- explain impacts of colonization on youth crime and deviance

Course Topics:

- History of Youth Justice & Legislations in Canada
- Trends in Youth Justice in Canada
- Statistics of Youth Crime
- Current Youth Justice System
- Challenges in Youth Justice
- Youth Deviance and the Media
- Female Youth
- Theoretical Explanations of Youth Crime
- Critical Perspectives on Youth Justice
- Substance Use and Youth
- Indigenous Youth Justice Canada
- Youth Gangs
- Racialized Youth Crime and Justice
- Street Youth (youth homelessness)
- Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Strategies
- Issues and Injustices for Youth
- Alternatives and Diversions for Youth
- Restorative Justice

See instructor's Course Information Sheet for the detailed outline of weekly readings, activities

and assignments.

Evaluation and Assessments

Assessment Type: On-Campus (face-to-face) and Online, or Hybrid

Assessment Type	% of Total Grade
Assignments & Activities	15%
Written Assignment (Research Project)	25%
Case Studies	20%
Midterm Exam	20%
Final Exam	20%
Total	100%

Grade Scheme

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
>=90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	<50

Pass requirements: All assignments and evaluations must be completed.

Evaluation Notes: A grade of “D” grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

Exam Attendance:

Students must attend all scheduled exams at the appointed time and place. Instructors may approve an alternate exam to accommodate an illness or personal crisis. Department heads will consider other written requests. Any student who misses a scheduled exam without prior approval will receive a “0” on the exam.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
- Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty

Equivalent Course(s) and Course Code Changes

Equivalent Course: Students who have received COTR Credit for CRIM 210 may not receive additional credit for SOCI 211.

Prior Course Code: CRIM 210

Course Changes:

The College of the Rockies updates course outlines regularly to meet changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The instructor will notify students in writing of any updates to this outline during the semester. The instructor reserves the right to revise, add or delete material while meeting the learning outcomes of this course outline.