

SOC224
Sociology of Deviance and Conformity

3 Credits

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Calendar Description

Processes involved in defining behaviour patterns as deviant; factors which influence conformity and change; examination of such behaviour patterns as sexuality, alcoholism, drug use and selected mental and physical disabilities; public reaction to such behaviour.

Rationale

This course is intended for Sociology majors and fulfills one of the requirements for those graduating with a degree in Sociology. It also fulfills the Social Science requirements in other faculties.

Prerequisites

SOC100

Co-Requisites

None

Course Learning Outcomes

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

1. recognize and articulate how deviance and conformity are related to social control.
2. recognize and articulate how the media relates to definitions of deviance and the process of social control.
3. explain the major theoretical arguments pertaining to the nature of social control.
4. distinguish between tolerable and intolerable deviance and have an understanding of the nature and types of tolerance.
5. examine and analyze various examples of deviance to supplement the theoretical aspect.

Resource Materials

Required Texts:

Bereska, Tami M. *Deviance, Conformity and Social Control in Canada*. 4th ed. Toronto:

Pearson Canada, 2014. Print.

Reference Materials:

Additional readings may be distributed in class.

Conduct of Course

This is a 3 credit (42 hour) course comprised of 39 hours of instruction and a 3 hour final exam.

Learning in this course will occur through lectures, discussion in class, and films. The students are strongly encouraged to participate in class discussion. Ideas for topics of interest, class tours and guest lecturers are welcome.

Evaluation Procedures

Midterm 1	20%
Midterm 2	20%
Research Project	30%
Final Exam	<u>30%</u>
Total	100%

Midterm 1 will be a take-home exam, and will be essay format.

Midterm 2 will be a take-home exam, and will be essay format.

Format of the final exam will be discussed in class.

No supplemental assignments or examination re-writes are permitted in this course.

Grade Equivalents and Course Pass Requirements

A minimum grade of D (50%) (1.00) is required to pass this course.

Letter	F	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Percent Range	0-49	50-52	53-56	57-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-100
Points	0.00	1.00	1.30	1.70	2.00	2.30	2.70	3.00	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.00

Students must maintain a cumulative grade of C (GPA - Grade Point Average of 2.00) in order to qualify to graduate.

Attendance

Students are expected to attend classes regularly. Students are responsible for obtaining information covered in lectures they have missed. If an assignment is missed for legitimate reasons, it may be made up at another time.

Course Units/Topics

The following is a list of the sequence of topics to be covered in this course.

Part 1: Introduction

Part 2: Deviant Activities

Part 3: Delinquency and Crime

Part 4: Social Control



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