FALL 2018

SOC 7160 Selected Topics: Critical Perspectives on Human Rights (504: CRN = 17222)  
(Onondays 2:30 – 5:15 P.O: Instructor: Annette Desmarais) Annette.Desmarais@umanitoba.ca  
This course critically analyzes the idea and practice of human rights as a path to social justice. We will analyze specific historic and current human rights struggles to better understand the potential, challenges and limitations of the human rights framework.

SOC 7160 Selected Topics: Environmental Sociology (505: CRN = 17221)  
(Wednesdays 11:30 A.O – 2:15 P.O: Instructor: (Mark Hudson) Mark.Hudson@umanitoba.ca  
Our interactions with non-human nature are heavily conditioned by culture, and by political and economic structures. Students will critically engage with theoretical and analytical frameworks from which to understand environmental problems as social problems (and in some cases, vice-versa). It will provide the knowledge and tools necessary to uncover the cultural, political, and economic roots of environmental problems, while evaluating the prospects for change through social action.

SOC 7480 Social Inequality (A01: CRN = 17223)  
(Fridays 11:30 A.O – 2:15 P.O: Instructor: Gregg Olsen) Gregg.Olsen@umanitoba.ca  
A critical examination of classical and contemporary theories and current empirical research concerned with various dimensions of social inequality (such as class, gender and race) and social stratification from a comparative perspective.

Winter 2018

SOC 7280 Seminar in Theoretical Criminology (A01: CRN = 57100)  
(Wednesdays 11:30 A.O – 2:15 P.O: Instructor: Russell Smandych) Russell.Smandych@umanitoba.ca  
An advanced course dealing with theory and research in the field of criminology with emphasis placed on an evaluation of existing theories of crime, law, and social justice.

SOC 7390 Survey Research Methods (A01: CRN = 57101)  
(6hursdays 11:30 A.O – 2:15 P.O: Instructor: Lori Wilkinson) Lori.Wilkinson@umanitoba.ca  
Through the use of secondary electronic data sources, students learn all aspects of survey research. Topics covered include: sampling, question and questionnaire construction, index construction and scaling methods, techniques of establishing validity and reliability, order effects, conducting interviews, coding, data analysis, and budgeting. Previous experience with multivariate data analysis at the undergraduate level is strongly encouraged.

SOC 7420 Qualitative Research Methods for Sociological Inquiry (A01: CRN = 57102)  
(Fridays 11:30 A.O – 2:15 P.O: Instructor: Laura Funk) Laura.Funk@umanitoba.ca  
This course provides an overview of methodologies of qualitative research for sociological inquiry. Discussion focuses on the ontological and epistemological foundations of qualitative methods and the variety of approaches and techniques available within interpretive and critical paradigms. Issues such as sampling, reflexivity, analysis, interpretation, theoretical development, rigor and representation will be discussed.

SOC 7450 Selected Topics in Criminology: Critical Criminology and Genocide Studies (603: CRN = 57103)  
(Tuesdays 2:30 – 5:15 P.O: Instructor: Andrew Woolford) Andrew.Woolford@umanitoba.ca  
This course critically examines genocide as it is addressed in law and through criminological analysis. While genocide is undoubtedly one of the most egregious wrongs known to humankind, the form it takes in law, as “crime”, is not without controversy. Debates on how to criminalize genocide, as well as with respect to how to analyze genocide as a matter of law, will be considered. As well, the ways in which the law limits and reduces complex genocidal processes into justiciable patterns will be the subject of our discussions. To complicate matters further, we will begin our investigation by looking at the role of law and criminology in the perpetration of genocide, demonstrating the Janus-faced nature of law and criminology with respect to the phenomenon of genocide.
**Please note:** Students from outside the Department of Sociology must obtain permissions from the instructor of the course, and their advisor; please email these two permissions to: Margaret.Currie@umantioba.ca