

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY  
SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS  
SOC 2610 - A01  
(MWF 11:30-12:20)  
137 Isbister

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REQUIRED TEXT

Griffiths: Canadian Criminal Justice. 4th edition.

Roberts and Grossman: Criminal Justice in Canada: A Reader

EVALUATION

Your course grade will be determined by the following:

Term Test 1	25%	February 6
Term Test 2	30%	March 9
Final Examination:	30%	Scheduled by University
Discussion Groups	15%	

Note that the final examination will be held during the scheduled examination period BUT  
Will BE ADMINISTERED IN THE REGULAR CLASSROOM.

Grades are assigned as follows:

A+ 90-100%	B+ 80-84%	C+70-74%	D 50-59%
A 85-89%	B 75-79%	C 60-69%	F 49% and less

The tests and final examinations will cover material from the required readings, lectures and class discussions. The tests and the final examination will consist of multiple choice and essay questions.

Exams/tests are not cumulative. Students are responsible for both the lecture material and all assigned readings. Exams/tests will consist of multiple choice and essay questions.

### COURT OBSERVATION

Students will also be required to observe a portion of a trial or hearing at the Law Courts Building (408 York - across Broadway from the Legislature) and turn in a brief report on this experience. The report will not be graded, but 5% will be deducted from your final mark if you fail to turn it in by December 3.

Students who miss a mid-term will be required to have a valid excuse such as a medical certificate before writing a make-up examination.

Final examination regulations are found online at

[http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing\\_documents/academic/454.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/academic/454.html)

Failure to write one of the term tests or the final examinations will result in a mark of zero for that part of the grade.

Senate Policy #1307 requires a “post-examination review of final grades in multi-sectioned courses that will ensure an equitable correspondence between grades and level of performance in all sections.” Accordingly, the final grade distribution in this course may be raised or lowered to achieve such equity and, therefore, your final grade may be changed.

### Discussion Group Assignments

In the second week of the course, the class will be divided into groups of four or five. The group to which you are assigned will remain the same for the remainder of the course. Approximately every three weeks, you will be given a question or series of questions which your group will discuss and provide a written answer. The material to assist you in developing your answers will come from the required reading and the lectures. One person in the group will record the answer and submit it to the instructor at the end of class. The person responsible for recording the group’s answer will rotate every week. It will be the responsibility of the recording person to mark down which individuals are present for that week’s assignment.

For each assignment all students in the group will be given the same mark. Your total mark for this component of the course is worth 15% of your final mark and will be based on your best 3 marks out of the 4 assignments. If you miss a week, you will be given a zero for that week’s assignment. There will be no make-ups for group writing assignments. All members of the group are expected to participate in the development of the best answer for the assignment. Note that nobody’s mark will be lowered as a result of the discussion group results as long as you participate in the discussion group sessions.

The dates of the discussion groups will be: January 18, February 10, March 2, March 23

### ACADEMIC HONESTY

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on 'Personation at Examinations'(Section 5.2.9) and 'Plagiarism and Cheating' (Section 8.1) found online under UManitoba Catalog 2011-2012>General Academic Regulations>Section 8.

Academic Integrity

### VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE

March 16, 2012.

### COURSE OBJECTIVE

To familiarize students with the operation of the criminal justice system from a sociological perspective

### OUTLINE OF TOPICS

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

Griffiths, Chapters 1, 2

Roberts and Grossman, Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 21

The Police

Griffiths, Chapters 3, 4, 5

Roberts and Grossman, Chapters 5, 12, 16

**Test 1 (February 6)**

The Courts

Griffiths, 6 7, 8, 9

Roberts and Grossman, Chapters 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24,

**Test 2 (March 9)**

The Correctional System

Griffiths, 9, 10, 11

Roberts and Grossman, Chapters 9, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

Final Exam