SOC 3740 T02: Selected Topics in Criminology
Law, Justice, and Indigenous Peoples
The University of Manitoba  ●  Department of Sociology
Fall 2017 (3 cr. hrs.)

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Final Exam: In class test  Office Hours: By appointment

Generally, the most effective way to get in touch with me is by email. I am often able to respond within 24 to 48 hours, barring periods of travel, conferences, etc.

REQUIRED READING
There is no textbook for this course. The articles and chapters that form the reading list can be found on the course web site on UM Learn.

• A variety of materials which do not appear on the official reading list will be supplied in class or uploaded to UM Learn throughout the course. Students are just as responsible for keeping up with this content, as it will also appear on the tests.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
In the context of settler-colonial relations, should the law be seen as an avenue for rectifying historical wrongs against Indigenous peoples, to be used in the search for justice? Or is it better seen as an instrument of dispossession and domination in the service of the settler state? To further raise the stakes, generations of Indigenous peoples in Canada have been subject to forms of legal regulation, legal control, and outcomes of legal policy and practice (whether intended or not) in ways which non-Indigenous peoples have not. To further complicate the issue, to speak of “the law” in a singular fashion is somewhat of a misnomer in that it is vast and multi-faceted. We will therefore straddle the divisions between areas such as criminal law, constitutional law, parliamentary legislation, and transitional justice. Ultimately, this course will reveal the law’s role as much more complex, ambivalent, and equivocal than the initial question would suggest.

IMPORTANT DATES
Sept 7: Fall term begins  Nov 13: Remembrance Day, no classes
Oct 5 & 6: Fall term break, no classes  Nov 17: Voluntary withdrawal deadline
Oct 9: Thanksgiving, no classes  Dec 8: Fall term ends

GRADE DISTRIBUTION
A+ 90 – 100%  C+ 65 – 69%
A 80 – 89%  C 60 – 64%
B+ 75 – 79%  D 50 – 59%
B 70 – 74%  F 0 – 49%
EVALUATION AND ASSESSMENT

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PARTICIPATION (10%)

Class participation is a key component of the course. Students are expected to have completed the pertinent readings **prior to the lectures**. This will allow you to incorporate the lecture material quickly, make connections to the readings and your prior knowledge, and engage actively in class discussions. Students are also expected to **be present** for each class, participate in discussion groups, and be a non-disruptive member of the class (e.g., avoid conversations with neighbours, cell phone calls, non-class-related internet use, early departures). Participation scores are based upon all of these factors, along with small in-class activities and written responses. **Students who regularly miss class without a valid reason will receive 0% for participation.** Please be aware of the University’s policy on unexcused absences from the calendar’s General Academic Regulations:

1. **Attendance at Class and Debarment**

   *Regular attendance is expected of all students in all courses. An instructor may initiate procedures to debar a student from attending classes and from final examinations and/or from receiving credit where unexcused absences exceed those permitted by the faculty or school regulations.*

   *A student may be debarred from class, laboratories, and examinations by action of the dean/director for persistent non-attendance, failure to produce assignments to the satisfaction of the instructor, and/or unsafe clinical practice or practicum. Students so debarred will have failed that course.*

TESTS

There will be two tests consisting primarily of written answer questions—some shorter and some longer. Yes, in this style of test, I often include some element of choice (e.g. “Do 3 out of 4 of the following questions,” etc.)

ESSAY OUTLINE

In preparation for the essay, students will prepare an essay outline detailing the main thesis of the essay as well as the arguments and some of the research sources which will be used to advance the thesis. We will have further discussions in class on essays, the pre-writing process, and preparing outlines for papers.

ESSAY

Students will write an (approximately) **eight-page** argumentative essay (not including title page or bibliography) that engages a topic related to one of the three areas of study within the course. Essays should reference a combination of assigned readings and outside academic sources (i.e. journal articles or book chapters which were not on the reading list for the course.) Essays must be typed and formatted according to the ASA, APA, or Chicago style guide. No covers, etc.—just use a stapler!
MISSING DEADLINES AND TESTS
Assignment deadlines and tests can only be missed for legitimate medical reasons or family emergencies. If you are in a situation where you are likely to miss a deadline or test for a compelling reason, contact me beforehand so that we can discuss it, and please work on securing appropriate documentation from a legitimate source. Students who miss a test must provide proper documentation to be considered for re-scheduling.

"WHEN WILL WE GET OUR TESTS/ESSAYS BACK?"
A rule of thumb I employ is to endeavour to have tests and papers graded and returned by the two-week mark. Depending upon class size and evaluation methods for the course (proportion of written work vs multiple choice, etc.), this can sometimes be a challenge.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY
Students should acquaint themselves with the university’s policy on plagiarism, cheating, exam personation, (“Personation at Examinations” [Section 5.2.9] and “Plagiarism and Cheating” [Section 8.1]) and duplicate submission by reading documentation provided at the Arts Student Resources site: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/student_resources/student_responsibilities_integrity.html. Ignorance of the regulations and policies regarding academic integrity is not a valid excuse for violating them.

UNCLAIMED TERM WORK DISPOSAL
Any term work that has not been claimed by students will be held for four (4) months from the end of the final examination period for the term in which the work was assigned. At the conclusion of this time, all unclaimed term work will become property of the Faculty of Arts and be destroyed according to FIPPA guidelines and using confidential measures for disposal.

SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS & ACCESSIBILITY
Students with special learning needs (who for legitimate reasons require extra time to write a test, or who require aids or other supports) should identify themselves to the instructor at the beginning of the term in order to arrange suitable accommodation or contact Student Accessibility Services.

DISRUPTION
Disruptions due to excessive talking or early departures from the classroom are especially distracting to large classes. Please be considerate and respectful of the needs and rights of others in the class. Students should be aware that persistent disruption may result in disbarment from the course. Any student who has a legitimate reason for leaving class early should inform the instructor at the beginning of class.

Students should also be aware that use of electronic devices for purposes other than taking notes and searching information/images related to the lecture is a distraction both to them, the students around them, and potentially the professor. Disruptive use of electronic devices may result in a ban against their use or, in extreme cases, disbarment from the course.
**READING LIST & TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

*These assigned readings will be posted on UM Learn, while other supplemental materials may be handed out in class or posted on UM Learn.*

### The Law's Management of Colonial Dispossession (~4.5 weeks)


### Crime and Criminal Law (~4.5 weeks)


**Transitional Justice, Reconciliation & UNDRIP (~3.5 weeks)**


