



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY

CRIM 212

**CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN
NEW ZEALAND**

20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2013

Important dates

Trimester dates: 15 July to 17 November 2013

Teaching dates: 15 July to 18 October 2013

Mid-trimester break: 26 August to 8 September 2013

Study period: 21 to 25 October 2013

Examination/Assessment Period: 25 October to 16 November 2013

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds

If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination (aegrotats), refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

Class times and locations

Lectures: Wednesday 9:00 – 9:50 am (Maclaurin LT101)
Friday 11.00 -11:50 am (Hugh Mackenzie LT206)

Tutorials: Wednesday 10:00 – 10.50 am, 11.00 -11:50 am KK107
Wednesday 2:10 – 3.00 pm, 3.00 - 4:00 pm KK107
Thursday 9:00 – 9:50 am, 10.00 – 10.50 am EA201
Thursday 1:10 –2:00 pm, 2.10 – 3.00 pm MY107
Friday 9:00 – 9.50 am, 10.00 - 10:50 am OK301

Tutorials: You will need to sign up for a tutorial via 'S-Cubed'. Sign up instructions will be posted on BlackBoard. If you are familiar with this system, you can go to the following address on the university website to sign up to your workshop session: <https://signups.victoria.ac.nz/>

Names and contact details

Course coordinator: Dr Elizabeth Stanley,
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Office hours: Wednesday 10am-12pm.

Contact details for tutors, and their office hours, will be listed on BlackBoard.

Communication of additional information

The Criminology noticeboards are located on level 9 and 11 of the Murphy Building. Information will be posted there and on BlackBoard. You will automatically receive all Blackboard announcements as an email sent to your @myvuw.ac.nz email address. If you are not going to use this Victoria email address set up for you, we strongly encourage you to set a forward from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

Prescription

CRIM 212 examines the nature, causes and characteristics of criminal offending in New Zealand. The course will draw on analytical skills acquired in CRIM 211, by linking criminological perspectives to particular types of criminal behaviour. The course will also supply students with an overview of criminal justice responses to crime and disorder in New Zealand.

Course content

	Week/Commencing	Wednesday, 9.00am–10.00am	Friday, 11.00am–12.00pm
1	15 July	Introduction	The Crime Picture
2	22 July	The History of Crime	Alcohol and Disorder
3	29 July	Drug-Related Crime	Sexual Violence
4	5 Aug	Family Violence	Gangs
5	12 Aug	Transnational Crime	Corporate Crime
6	19 Aug	State Crime	***** In Class Test *****

Mid-trimester break: 26 August – 8 September 2013

7	9 Sep	Introducing Criminal Justice	Victims
8	16 Sep	Policing	Surveillance and Security
9	23 Sep	Crime Prevention	Courts
10	30 Sep	Punishment	Prisons
11	7 Oct	Probation	Restorative Justice
12	14 Oct	Summary	Exam Prep

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and types of offending in New Zealand;
2. Critically evaluate the key theories and concepts associated with a range of crime types;
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the criminal justice system and associated services in New Zealand.

Teaching format

The course combines lectures and class discussions in a format that aims to guide students through the major topic areas. There will be opportunity and encouragement for you to express your views and knowledge. Tutorial questions and topics will be posted on Blackboard.

Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Sit the in-class test
2. Submit the essay
3. Sit the two-hour exam
4. Attend at least 7 tutorials

Workload

Taking into account class attendance of 3 hours a week (lectures and tutorials), reading, preparation for assignments and so on, students should spend around 13 hours per week working for CRIM 212. You should ensure that you **complete the readings** in the student notes relating to each session, and to be prepared to discuss them in tutorials. You are expected to take an active part in discussions.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 In-Class Test (45 minutes)	20%	1	11am, 23 rd August
2 Short Essay (2250-2500 words)	40%	1,2	4pm, 20 th September

3	Final Examination (2 hours)	40%	2,3	TBA
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In-Class Test

Date: 11:00am, 23 August 2013

(Weighting 20%)

This test is designed so that students can demonstrate their understanding of the nature and types of offending in New Zealand. The test will take place in the usual lecture session.

Short Essay

Due 4pm, 20th September

(Weighting 40%)

This essay allows students to critically evaluate key theories and concepts related to crimes in New Zealand. Students must pick **one** of the following 'questions' and **draw upon criminological theoretical perspectives** in their answer:

1. With reference to historical perspectives, critically discuss the idea that there was a 'golden era' when few crimes occurred in New Zealand.
2. What is the relationship between alcohol and crime in New Zealand? Discuss this question with particular reference to **either** gender **or** age.
3. 'Beyond its illegality, illicit drug use does not cause crime in New Zealand'. Critically discuss this statement.
4. With a focus on **either** children **or** women **or** Māori, provide explanations for the extent and nature of family violence in New Zealand.
5. 'Rape and sexual violence are still silenced in New Zealand'. Critically discuss this statement.
6. Critically examine the societal and structural factors that have influenced gang formation and membership in New Zealand. Also, do recent attempts to stem the perceived 'gang problem' address these factors?
7. Critically evaluate the nature of **either** corporate crime **or** state crime **or** trans-national crime in New Zealand.

Final Examination

Date: TBC

(Weighting 40%)

In completing the examination, students are expected to demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of the key theories and concepts associated with the criminal justice system in New Zealand (ie, the material covered in the second half of the course). Further information will be given at a later date.

Submission and return of work

All written work should be placed in the essay box on the 9th floor of the Murphy building or sent to the course co-ordinator at the Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington, PO Box

600, WGTN 6140 by courier or registered mail postmarked **no later than 4pm on the due date**. Essays will be returned within tutorial times. Marked assignments not collected in lectures or tutorials can be collected at the Murphy 9th floor reception desk, between **2.00 and 4.00 pm only** from Monday to Friday.

Penalties

Assignments must be handed in by the due date. You are expected to keep to this deadline, as otherwise it is unfair to other students. Extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, and should be sought from the course co-ordinator *prior to the deadline*. An example of an exceptional circumstance would be illness supported by a letter from a medical practitioner. *Please note that lack of organisation, word-processing failures and other work demands are not "good reasons"*. Late submission of work without permission will be penalised by the following deductions:

- One grade = period up to and including 24 hours past due date.
- Two grades = period from 24 hours up to and including 72 hours past due date.

Work that is handed in later than 72 hours without permission will not be accepted.

Practicum/placement/field trip/internship arrangements

There are no other arrangements for this course.

Set texts

The required text for this course is a book of Student Notes.

Each student should buy the prepared book of Student Notes from VicBooks since ready access to and familiarity with its contents will be required throughout the course. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz.

Recommended reading

Suggestions for further readings as well as links to relevant internet sites will be posted on BlackBoard.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat

- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Resolving academic issues:
www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute:
www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/viclife/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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