



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES
Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

Criminology

CRIM 111

Introduction to Criminology 20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2015

Important dates

Trimester dates: 13 July to 15 November 2015

Teaching dates: 13 July to 16 October 2015

Mid-trimester break: 24 August to 6 September 2015

Study period: 19–23 October 2015

Examination/Assessment Period: 23 October to 14 November 2015

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/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Stream One: (Course code 26079)	Tuesday	12.00 – 12.50	KKLT303
	Friday	12.00 – 12.50	KKLT303
Stream Two (Course Code 27182)	Tuesday	11 - 11.50am	HULT 323
	Thursday	11 – 11.50am	MCLT 101

This course is streamed. If you are registered in Stream One (code 26079) then **you must** attend the Tuesday and Friday lectures in KKLT303. If you are registered in Stream Two (code 27182) then **you must** attend the Tuesday and Thursday lectures in HULT323 and MCLT101 respectively.

Tutorials

Information on how to register for a tutorial on 'My allocator' is on Blackboard – see 'Tutorial Registration/Sign Up' in the Course Documents folder.

Names and contact details

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Contact details for tutors, and their office hours, will be listed on Blackboard. Click on 'Course Documents' and then 'Tutorials, Tutors and Tutor Contacts'.

Communication of additional information

Any additional course information – including information and/or instructions for assignments (documentary research, test and essay) will be posted 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 forward messages received from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

Prescription

CRIM 111 is a broad-based introduction to key criminological concepts, debates and theories. The first half explores a wide range of theoretical explanations for crime/criminality. The second explores the attempts to measure crime, media representations of crime and the social dimensions or correlates of crime including ethnicity, class, gender and age.

Course content

Lecture Schedule is located at the end of this document – see page 7.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Summarise and discuss the key concepts, themes and schools of thought examined during the course.
2. Discuss the ideas and arguments of key criminological theorists and apply them in a clear well focussed academic argument.
3. Show an awareness and understanding of the broad social and political environment in which crime occurs and an awareness of the relationships of power and how these are affected by gender, ethnicity, age and class.
4. Confidently identify relevant criminological sources (books, journal articles) through criminological data-bases and critically assess the material contained therein.

Teaching format

The course will primarily be taught through lectures with lecture material supported and reinforced through compulsory tutorial discussion/workshops.

Contact hours consist of two x 1 hour lectures per week and one x 1 hour tutorials. The course coordinator will also run two separate office hours per week and each tutor will also run one office hour per week which are optional for students to use on a drop-in basis.

Mandatory course requirements

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

1. Attend at least 7 out of 9 tutorials. This will ensure students have the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the core criminological themes explored in this course (see course prescription) and to develop oral communication and teamwork skills through participating in the tutorial exercises.
2. Submit all three in-term assignments (documentary search & analysis exercise, in-class test and essay) - and sit the final examination. In order to demonstrate the achievement of all the Course Learning Objectives you must obtain at least 35% for any assignment worth more than 10% (i.e. the essay and in-class test) and obtain at least 30% in the final examination.

Any student who is concerned that they have been (or might be) unable to meet any of the MCRs because of exceptional personal circumstances, should contact the course coordinator as soon as possible.

Workload

The expectations are that students will work 10 hours per point, therefore a 20-point course equates to 200 hours over the trimester. This includes scheduled contact time, individual or group study, and work on assessment tasks.

In addition to attending the lectures (24 hours for the trimester) and tutorials (7–9 hours) students can expect to spend, on average, approximately 50 hours throughout the course on essential reading, 15 - 20 hours preparing for the in-class test, 60 hours preparing for the Essay and 40 hours preparing for the Final Examination.

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	Documentary search & analysis exercise (500 words)	10%	4	4 pm, 3 August
2	Class test (20 minutes)	10%	1	18 August
3	Essay (1500 words)	30%	1, 2, 3 & 4	4 pm, 21 September
4	Final Exam (2 hours)	50%	1, 2, 3 & 4	Exam 23 Oct -14 Nov 2015

Marking criteria (Essay)

First, your essay must be relevant to and answer the set question.

Second, you should show that you have thought about the topic and reached your own conclusions on it. It is therefore important that the paper presents a logically developed flow of argument which appears to follow an analysis of the topic, and that this argument can be supported by the accurate presentation of supporting evidence.

Third, you should accurately acknowledge the sources used, and should choose representative evidence.

Fourth, it is expected that your essay will:

- ✓ flow coherently;
- ✓ be succinct;
- ✓ be legible and well set out;
- ✓ be of reasonable length (no more than 1250 words); and
- ✓ show a good knowledge of grammar, correct spelling and correct usage of terms.

Please note:

- **Do not** exceed the word limit. Students are advised that failure to keep to the word limit can result in examiners refusing to read that part of the assignment in excess of the word limit. **You must** provide a word total on the **cover sheet** for the assignment.
- Students are advised that tutors and other Institute staff members are not allowed to comment or provide feedback on draft assignments. It is possible, however, to discuss assignments in general terms.
- Essays must be submitted on the due date by **4pm**. The assignment should be placed in the assignment box on level 9 of the Murphy building. Students who have received an extension should ensure that the assignment is placed in the assignment box on the extended due date.
- It is important to adhere to basic presentation guidelines in your written work. **Please make sure that you:** include page numbers, 'justify' your paragraphs with reasonable margins of no less than 2cm on both sides, double space the text and include the question you are answering at the start of your essay.

Submission and return of work

Submit a paper copy to the Assignment Box at the SACS Administration Office, Level 9, Murphy Building (to the side of the lifts), by 4pm on the due date. Your essay **MUST NOT** be placed in individual staff pigeonholes, or under staff office doors, or handed to lecturers or tutors. The Assignment Box is cleared at 4pm every day. All work is date-stamped, recorded and then handed to the appropriate markers.

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**.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

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 coordinator **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 or computer failures and other work demands, both university and no-university related, are not “good reasons”.

Penalties

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.

Students are advised that, while there are no specific penalties, failure to keep to the word limit can result in examiners refusing to read that part of the assignment in excess of the word limit. You must provide a word total on the cover sheet for the assignment.

Set texts

Bradley, T. and Walters, R., (2011) *Introduction to Criminological Thought* (2nd Ed) Auckland: Pearson Publishing (ISBN: 978-1-4425-2741-8).

Available from Vicbooks, Ground Floor Easterfield Building, Kelburn Campus.

Essential weekly readings will be taken from the course text with references to additional supplementary reading material posted on Blackboard. The tutorial programme will list the sources for each weekly discussion. Students can freely access the supplementary reading material via Blackboard (<http://blackboard.scs.vuw.ac.nz>). The supplementary reading material might also prove to be a useful starting point for the research required for the essays and for exam preparation. You must try to read and be familiar with the relevant course materials in advance of the lectures and tutorials in which they will be discussed. Unless you are advised otherwise, the topics will be dealt with in the order shown in the Teaching Programme.

Recommended reading

Any suggestions for further readings or 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 the course is reviewed after every offering. Prominent themes from the 2014 offering included earlier release of lecture material on BlackBoard, and more lecture time focused on class test, essay and examination preparation.

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/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz

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Lecture Outline Crim 111, Trimester 2, 2015

Week	Week beginning	Stream 1: Tuesday 12 – 12.50am Stream 2: Tuesday 11 - 11.50am	Friday 12 – 12.50am Thursday 11 – 11.50am
1	13 July	Welcome/Introduction (Course Coordinators)	What is Criminology - What is Crime? (Trevor Bradley)
2	20 July	Library Research/Info session (Lynzi Armstrong/Maria El-Chami)	Classical Criminology (John Pratt)
3	27 July	Crime and Biology (John Pratt)	Crime and Psychology (Russil Durrant)
4	3 August	Crime and Society (Lynzi Armstrong)	Crime & Power: Radical/Critical Criminology (Lynzi Armstrong/Trevor Bradley)
5	10 August	Recent Critical Perspectives (Trevor Bradley)	Right Realist Criminology & Class Test Discussion (Lynzi Armstrong)
6	17 August	Left Realist Criminology (Lynzi Armstrong)	Counting Crime: Police statistics & crime/victim surveys (Lynzi Armstrong)
Mid-term break 24 Aug – 6 September			
7	7 September	Crime in the Media I (Sarah Wright)	Crime in the Media II (Sarah Wright)
8	14 September	Ethnicity and Crime 1 (Julian Buchannan)	Ethnicity and Crime 2 (Julian Buchannan)
9	21 September	Class and Crime 1 (Trevor Bradley)	Class and Crime 2 (Trevor Bradley)
10	28 September	Gender and Crime 1 (Jan Jordan)	Gender and Crime 2 (Jan Jordan)
11	5 October	Age and Crime I (Fiona Hutton)	Age and Crime II (Fiona Hutton)
12	12 October	Course Summary (Trevor Bradley)	Examination Prep (Trevor Bradley)