



Sociology 2266a (571)
Crime and Society
Fall/ Winter 2026-2027

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Course Information

Calendar Description:

The sociological aspects of crime in Canada. The measurement patterns, causes and social explanations of criminal behavior will be examined.

Prerequisite(s): 1.0 from Sociology courses at the 1000 level.

Extra Information: 3 lecture hours.

Course Weight: 0.50

Breadth: Category A

Subject Code: SOCIOLOG

Notice: Unless you have either the requisites for this course (fulfilment of pre-requisites, no anti-requisite conflicts), or special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

King's University College
Soc2266-571
Crime and Society

Fall 2026

Course information:

Course Name, Number, Section: Crime and Society, Soc2266, 571
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Course description: The sociological aspects of crime in Canada. The measurement patterns, causes and social explanations of criminal behavior will be examined.

Course learning outcomes: This course introduces students to the discipline of criminology and the study of crime and criminal justice with a focus on Canadian context. Students will explore and critically examine a range of sociological and criminological theories and research all of which will foster a deeper understanding of crime and society. By the end of the course, students will demonstrate their ability to understand and apply key criminological concepts, understand the basic elements of main sociological and criminological perspectives as well as have begun to think critically about knowledge and practices in relation to criminology and criminal justice. Successful students will understand and explain several theories related to crime, critically discuss and apply theories to cases of crime and identify and explain criminological concepts and apply them to a given situation.

Mode of Instruction: *in-person*

Course textbooks/materials:

Required textbook: Winterdyk, J. (2023) "Canadian Criminology" (5th ed.) Oxford University Press
Additional readings may be posted on Brightspace, handed out in class, or placed on reserve at King's Library.

The textbook costs: <https://www.vitalsource.com/en-ca/products/canadian-criminology-john-winterdyk-v9780190164454?srsId=AfmBOopcZ8XJahh0kx6ZQKRKKDROMwfGUCGKZRg8PKhoOA4s2pWeNpFL>

Method of evaluation:

- The evaluation methods described in the course outline are essential requirements for the course.
- **In-Class Exam 1:** worth 15%; held on September 29, 2026
- **In-Class Exam 2:** worth 40%; held on November 3, 2026
- **Final Examination:** worth 45% (during final exam period)

Evaluations and Academic Considerations:

The first in-class examination is worth 15% of your final course grade and will take place on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026, during the regularly scheduled class time**. The second in-class examination is worth 40% of your final course grade and will take place on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026, during the regularly scheduled class time**. The final exam (date TBA), worth 45% of your final course grade will be scheduled during the final exam period.

The exams are closed book and **may** include multiple choice, true and false, fill in the blank, and/or short answer questions. Exam content will draw from lectures, readings, and any supplementary material provided throughout the course. Details regarding the exam format will be provided the week prior to each examination. If you miss a class where exam details are provided, it is your responsibility to connect with a classmate to catch up on what you have missed. Please do not email the instructor or the TA to request this information, as these emails will not be responded to. **N.B.** Makeup quizzes and exams may be in **essay format only** and will be written with the King's Makeup Exam (date TBA).

All requests for academic consideration are made to the Academic Advising office of the student's Faculty of Registration. If you receive an academic accommodation, you will be permitted to write the makeup exam. In accordance with university policy, instructors may designate one assessment per course per term that requires supporting documentation for academic consideration. In this course, the exam on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, has been designated as such. As a result, a self-attestation will not be accepted for the In-class Exam 2. Students seeking academic consideration for a missed evaluation must provide supporting documentation to their Home Faculty Academic Counselling Office, within 48-hours of the missed assessment. Examinations scheduled by the Office of the Registrar during official examination periods (December, April) always require formal supporting documentation.

There will be **only one makeup examination** for each scheduled examination. Failure to write the makeup exam, without an academic consideration/accommodation, will result in a zero grade for that evaluation. Please be aware that the course professor or teaching assistant(s) may not be available to respond to questions during the makeup exam. Additionally, the make-up test will not necessarily be in the same format, be of the same duration, or cover the same material as the original test. Computer marked multiple choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

The Exam Office operates a centralized make-up service to support faculty with the administration of approved make-up assessments. As of September 1, 2026, students will incur a fee of \$45.00 per make-up assessment booked with the Exam Office.

The Exam Office centrally runs formal Special Exam Days to support instructors with administering approved special exams. As of September 1, 2026, for any Special Exams booked outside of the designated special exam days, students will incur a fee of \$75.00.

Grading Guidelines:

Grades for assessments, except the final exam and final course grade will be posted on Brightspace as they become available. In accordance with privacy regulations, evaluations and **grades will not be reviewed or discussed by email or Zoom**. All grade-related discussions must take place in person during office hours or by scheduled appointment. Final exam grades and final course grades will not be posted on Brightspace. Your final course grade will be released by the Registrar's Office and will be available on your Student Center. Students who wish to know their final exam grade can use their final course grade together with their other assessment grades to calculate your final exam grade.

University-wide grade descriptors

All evaluations are guided by Western's Undergraduate Grading Guidelines:

Grade	Range	Description
A+	90–100	Exceptional performance—one could scarcely expect better at this level
A	80–89	Superior work, clearly above average
B	70–79	Good work, meeting all course requirements and expectations
C	60–69	Competent work that meets basic requirements
D	50–59	Minimally acceptable performance
F	Below 50	Unsatisfactory; does not meet minimum requirements

For information about the university grading standards, refer to the Registrar's Handbook: Grading Standards.

N.B. To ensure the fairness and consistency for all students, no makeup assignments will be offered to improve low grades or final course marks. Requests for grade changes based on personal circumstances or future program requirements will not be considered.

Electronic Devices:

Laptops may be used in class only for taking lecture notes. Using laptops, cell phones or other devices to browse the internet, send messages, or make calls during class is disruptive to the learning environment.

Per the Student Code of Conduct, students who use their electronic devices for any reason other than to take lecture notes are considered to be engaging in disruptive behaviour. Students caught violating this policy may be asked to leave the class and/or reported for disruptive behaviour. Please be mindful and respectful when using electronic devices in the classroom.

Academic Integrity

The use of Chat GPT or other AI services, including translation and grammar-checking tools, **is strictly prohibited** in all assessments, including discussion forms, essays, tests, and examinations. Unauthorized use of any AI services will be subject to academic discipline. Please note the Academic Dean has zero tolerance for scholastic offences.

Link to Western Scholastic Discipline policy:

https://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Schedule of Classes, Readings, Assessments:

Tentative Class Schedule

***The weekly readings will be provided the first week of classes.**

Week 1: Sept. 15	Introduction to Crime and Society Attendance is Mandatory
Week 2: Sept. 22	Introduction to the Study of Crime
Week 3: Sept. 29	In-Class Exam 1
Week 4: Oct. 6	Theoretical Approaches to Crime
Week 5: Oct. 13	Reading Week
Week 6: Oct. 20	Theoretical Approaches to Crime cont'd
Week 7: Oct. 27	Theoretical Approaches cont'd.
Week 8: Nov. 3	In-Class Exam 2
Weeks 9: Nov. 10	Violent Offences
Week 10: Nov. 17	Property Offences
Week 11: Nov. 24	Tentative Speaker
Week 12: Dec. 1	Restorative Justice
Week 13: Dec. 8	Catch-up Class

**KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
GENERAL COURSE POLICIES
2026-27**

1. Academic Accommodations (Accessibility)

Accessibility Services works to ensure that academic programs are accessible to all students, and supports students who may have a condition related to, but not limited to, vision, hearing, mobility, different ways of learning, mental health, chronic illnesses, chronic pain, autism spectrum disorder, ADD/ADHD, and temporary conditions (beyond short-term academic consideration). Accessibility Services provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive assessment. The accommodation policy can be found at [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#). Information on Accessibility Services at King's can be found [here](#).

2. Academic Consideration for Student Absences

Students must be approved to write a makeup exam or for an extension of the assignment deadline. If you need to miss an exam or the deadline for the assignment, please follow these instructions.

There are two ways to seek academic consideration:

(i) Academic consideration based on medical or compassionate grounds

If a student is unable to meet a course requirement due to substantial but temporary extenuating circumstances (medical or compassionate grounds), they should contact the Academic Advising Office. As a rule, documentation is required for academic consideration.

For academic consideration requests on medical grounds, the Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is the appropriate documentation. The SMC is available at <https://registrar.uwo.ca/academics/pdfs/student-medical-certificate.pdf>

- King's students: The Academic Advising Office website is located in DLH 104. The Academic Advising website is <https://mykings.ca/intranet/app/#/academics/academic-advising>.
- If your home faculty is Huron or at Western, please submit your documentation to your faculty's academic counselling office.
- Requests must be made as soon as possible, and no later than 48 hours after the missed assessment.

You may submit requests for academic consideration through the **Student Absence Portal**, linked on this website: <https://mykings.ca/intranet/app/#/academics/academic-advising/academic-consideration-requests-and-student-absence-portal>.

(ii) Academic consideration through an undocumented absence

Students are permitted one academic consideration request without supporting documentation per term per half-course (0.5) weight.

- Note that instructors may designate one assessment per half-course weight as requiring supporting documentation. Please refer to the course outline to confirm this which assessment has been designated as requiring documentation for consideration (that is, exempt from undocumented absences).
- Undocumented absences can not be used as the basis for academic consideration for December or April exams.

If an instructor has built flexibility into their assessments (e.g., “complete 8 of 10 quizzes”), this flexibility will already address consideration needs and thus academic consideration may be denied.

For further information on the academic consideration policy, please see

https://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration_Sep24.pdf

c) Absences from Final Exams

If you miss the Final Exam, **contact your Academic Advising Office** as soon as you are able to do so. They will assess your eligibility to write the “Special Examination” (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam).

You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a multiple exam situation (i.e., you are scheduled to write more than 2 exams in 23-hour period, or more than 3 exams in a 47-hour period).

If a student fails to write a scheduled Special Examination, the date of the next Special Examination (if granted) normally will be the scheduled date for the final exam the next time this course is offered. The maximum course load for that term will be reduced by the credit of the course(s) for which the final examination has been deferred. See the Academic Calendar for details (under [Special Examinations](#)).

d) Religious Accommodations

Students should consult the University’s list of recognized religious holidays, and should give notice in writing to the instructor and their Academic Advising Office if a course requirement will be affected by a religious holiday/observance. Notice must be given as early as possible, and no later than two weeks prior to an examination, and one week prior to a midterm test date. It is the responsibility of such students to inform themselves concerning the work done in classes from which they are absent and to take appropriate action.

3. Support Services

Accessibility, Counselling and Student Development at King's University College:

<https://mykings.ca/intranet/app/#/student-supports-and-services/accessibility-services>

Students experiencing emotional or mental health distress can access services at King's University College: <https://kings.uwo.ca/campus-life/student-supports/>

Good2talk is an online and phone resource for students, available 24/7, with services in English, Mandarin, and French: <https://good2talk.ca>, 1-866-925-5454

MentalHealth@Western provides a complete list of options on how to obtain help:

<https://www.uwo.ca/health/mental-health/index.html>

Academic Support Services at King's University College: <https://kings.uwo.ca/academics/academic-supports/>

4. Statement on Gender-Based Sexual Violence

King's and Western are committed to reducing incidents of gender-based sexual violence (GBSV) and providing compassionate support to anyone who is going through or has gone through these traumatic events. If you are experiencing or have experienced GBSV (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at the following website: [Mental Health and Wellness at King's](#).

You can reach supports at King's by emailing care@kings.uwo.ca or calling 519-930-4640 to reach a Social Worker who can offer help.

You can also reach Western's Gender-Based Violence & Survivor Support Case Manager by email (health@uwo.ca) or by calling 519-661-3568. Additional support services can be found <https://www.uwo.ca/health/gbsv/support/index.html>

5. Statement on Use of Electronic Devices

Use of Electronic Devices: Unless explicitly stated otherwise, you are not allowed to have a cell phone, or any other electronic device, with you during tests or examinations. Unauthorized possession of such a device during a test or examination constitutes an academic offence.

Use of Laptops, Tablets, and Smartphones in the Classroom: King's University College at Western University acknowledges the integration of new technologies and learning methods into the curriculum. The use of electronic devices such as laptop computers, tablets, or smartphones can contribute to student engagement and effective learning. At the same time, King's recognizes that instructors and students share jointly the responsibility to establish and maintain a respectful classroom environment conducive to learning.

The use of electronic devices by students during lectures, seminars, labs, etc., shall be for matters related to the course at hand only. Students found to be using electronic devices for purposes not directly related to the class may be subject to sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct; see https://kings.uwo.ca/sites/2025/assets/files/campus/Kings_Code_of_Student_Conduct.pdf

Inappropriate use of electronics (e.g., laptops, tablets, smartphones) during lectures, seminars, labs, etc., creates a significant disruption. As a consequence, instructors may choose to limit the use of electronic devices in these settings. In addition, in order to provide a safe classroom environment, students attending in-person class sessions are strongly advised to operate laptops with batteries rather than power cords.

6. Statement on Academic Offences

King's is committed to academic integrity. Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, is posted at https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_offences.pdf

It is expected that students will submit work that is truly their own, completed without external assistance (human or artificial) except as explicitly permitted by the course instructor. **Check with you instructor to check which tools, including generative AI (ChatGPT, translation tools, grammar-checking tools) are permitted in each course.** Note that although some courses may permit the use of such tools, it does not mean use of such tools is permitted in other courses.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system; see https://elearningtoolkit.uwo.ca/tools/Originality_Reports_-_TurnItIn.html.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

7. Copyright of Course Material

Lectures and course materials, including PowerPoint presentations, tests, outlines, and similar materials are protected by copyright. Faculty members are the exclusive owner of copyright in those materials they create. Students may take notes and make copies for their own use. Students may not allow others to reproduce or distribute lecture notes and course materials publicly (whether or not a fee is charged) without the express written consent of a faculty member. Unauthorized sharing of class content is subject to academic discipline.

Similarly, students own copyright in their own original papers and exam essays. If a faculty member wishes to post a student's answers or papers on the course website, they should ask for the student's written permission.

8. Use of Recordings

Participants in this course are not permitted to record the sessions, except where recording is an approved accommodation and/or the participant has the prior written permission of the instructor. Unauthorized recording and/or sharing of class content is subject to academic discipline.

9. Policy on Attendance

Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or laboratory periods in any course, will be reported to the Dean of the Faculty offering the course, after due warning has been given. On the recommendation of the department concerned, and with the permission of the Dean of that Faculty, the student will be debarred from taking the regular examination in the course.