SOCI 206
Crime and Deviance

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Course Description:

This course will introduce students to the key theories of crime, deviance and social control. Students will learn about both classical and contemporary theoretical explanations of crime and deviant behaviour and how these theories are reflected in our current criminal justice system. We will cover a wide range of issues and case studies including race and crime, violence against women, crimes against animals, environmental crime, and crime in the media. By the end of the course, students will be able to identify the various theoretical approaches to crime and deviance, as well as critically analyze and evaluate these approaches in relation to contemporary sociological issues and understandings of criminality.

Course Delivery:

The course will be delivered completely online, with a combination of synchronous and asynchronous sessions. Course content will be delivered through live virtual lectures and additional, complementary media (TED talks, documentaries, podcasts, etc.), of which students can move through at their own pace each week.

Required Resources May Include:

Siegel, L. and C. McCormick. 2020. Criminology in Canada: Theories, Patterns, and Typologies (8th Edition). Toronto: Nelson Education.

Additional journal articles/book chapters as assigned.