

CJ 3117
CRIME CAREERS

TEXTBOOK: Paul Cromwell (editor). 2006. In Their Own Words: Criminals on Crime – An Anthology -Fourth Edition. Los Angeles, California: Roxbury Publishing Company.

**Note: additional readings listed below will be available on WebCT.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the discipline of criminology and the study of 'criminals.' Topics covered include traditional and contemporary criminological and research methods, property crime, violent crime, occupational crime, and other illegal occupations such as gang activities and drug trafficking. Lectures will provide students with theoretical and methodological skills to assess the 'crime careers' profiled in the text.

The course text provides in depth accounts, real stories, of 'criminals' sharing their perspectives on various crimes and their involvement. This ethnographic research strategy is one of many used by criminologists. Students will learn about other research methods and specific theories as we apply them to these social problems. Issues covered in this course are diverse, from crack dealing to auto thefts, to street gangs, to motorcycle gangs, to prostitution, to corporate crime, to serial killers. An open-minded attitude is essential for developing a broad understanding of the complexities involved in understanding the aetiology of crime and societal responses to it.

This course requires consistent reading every week. A substantial amount of information is covered, and it is essential that students keep up with their reading. **Do not fall behind.** At the start of the course you should make note of the readings required for each week.

INSTRUCTION:

In the lectures, the instructor will assume that you have read the required readings for the class. The lectures will complement, not replicate, the material. We will elaborate on key concepts and introduce examples that prompt students to apply what they are learning. The lectures will be kept interesting and exciting by referring to current issues, bringing in examples, showing relevant videos, presenting some material with PowerPoint, inviting guest lectures, and by encouraging group discussions. Class attendance is *critical* for success in the course. Please note that not all topics listed in this course outline may be covered completely in class time due to time constraints and that the readings may vary from time to time.

COURSE EVALUATION:

WITHDRAWAL DATE:

The final date to withdraw from the course without academic penalty can be found online. <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/services-withdrawal-schedules>

- Section VII** 'Gangs and Crime,' Cromwell Text, In Their Own Words.
WebCT reading, 'Young women and gang violence,' Decker
and Miller. 2006.
- Section VIII** 'Drugs and Crime,' Cromwell Text, In Their Own Words.
- Section IX** 'Quitting Crime,' Cromwell Text, In Their Own Words_