

CRIM 104

CRIM 104 Understanding Crime, Deviance & Society, Crime, Deviance & Society

3 Credits

A variety of types of crime (e.g. violent crimes, sex crimes, white-collar crimes) and deviance (e.g. mental illness, suicide, inter-sexuality) will be explored using traditional, modern, and post-modern sociological perspectives. An analysis of deviance in terms of social theory. What is deviance? How does deviance vary historically and cross-culturally? What is the role of power in the designation of what is labeled deviant? Are some groups of people more likely to be labeled deviant than others? What are the consequences of being labeled deviant? What causes deviance? In this course these questions and more are asked as learners survey and assess major sociological theories applied to deviance and crime. Our analysis will include mainstream, critical and postmodern perspectives and apply these to a variety of forms of deviant and criminal behaviour. Whenever possible learners will be encouraged to engage in cross-cultural analyses and consider an Indigenous peoples lens. Types of deviant/criminal behaviour will vary semester to semester and may include topics such as: suicide, substance abuse, sexual deviance, mental disorders, terrorism, homicide, white-collar crime, state crime, and political crime.

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