

CJ-4105-3
Seminar in Youth and the Criminal Justice System

REQUIRED READINGS: All assigned readings will be posted on WebCT

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will include an overview and critical examination of the important systemic and policy issues pertaining to youth and the criminal justice system. The key theme of the course is to evaluate the effectiveness of current youth justice strategies, interventions, and legal reforms and to develop informed strategies for change. Specific topics include an examination of public discourse on youth crime and justice both in a historical and current context, the subjective social constructions of adolescents involved with the youth justice system, empirical research on the nature and extent of youth crime and a comparative analysis of the policy choices made in developing frameworks for responding to youth justice.

TEACHING METHOD:

The primary method of instruction for this class is a seminar format. The course will be conducted through a combination of presentations & discussions led by the instructor,

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WITHDRAWAL DATE:

The final date to withdraw from the course without academic penalty can be found

online. <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/calendar-calendar>

Readings

Tanner, Julian "Deviant Youth: The Social Construction of Youth Problems."

Barron, Christie 2000 "The Youth Justice System and

ALTERNATIVES

Readings

Kelly, Katherine & Tullio Caputo "Community-Based Alternatives?"

Mann, Ruth, Charlene Senn, April Girard, Salma Ackbar
"Community-Based Interventions for At-Risk Youth in Ontario under Canada's Youth Criminal Justice Act: A Case Study of a "Runaway" Girl."

Week 11