Course Outline and Objectives

This course is designed to introduce students to selected topics on youth crime and youth justice in Canada. The course will cover the theories and principles of how the criminal justice system deals with young people who come into conflict with the law, the nature and extent of youth crime in Canada, and various theories that attempt to explain it. Special issues to be addressed in the course will include: a critical analysis of The Youth Criminal Justice Act and recent amendments which have been made to the Act; youth gangs; street youth; the long-term consequences of youthful deviance; criminalized females; and state (police, courts and correctional system) responses to youthful offending.

Readings: TBA

Evaluation

Mid-term ...............25%
Term paper ........... 35% (details will be discussed in class)
Final Exam .......... 40% (to be held during the examination period)