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Course Outline and Objectives

The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with key issues involving young offenders and the interpretation of justice in Canada. It includes a critical overview of how youth and youth crime have been conceptualized and responded to both historically and in contemporary society. Students will receive a) a critical analysis of youth justice legislation in Canada (including an introduction to the Juvenile Delinquency Act, Young Offenders Act, and Youth Criminal Justice Act), and b) an overview of criminological theories and how they have been/can be applied to young offenders. The course will further explore youth courts, the policing of youth, sentencing practices, and various extralegal factors that shape our collective understanding and responses to youth crime.

Readings: TBA

Evaluation:

Mid-term: 20%
Assignment 1: 10%
Term paper: 30%
Final Exam: 40%

*Details regarding assignments and exams will be discussed in class.