



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Te Kura Mahinga Tangata

## Criminology

# CRIM 212

# CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN NEW ZEALAND

**20 POINTS**

TRIMESTER 2 2014

### Important dates

**Trimester dates:** 14 July to 16 November 2014

**Teaching dates:** 14 July to 17 October 2014

**Mid-trimester break:** 25 August to 7 September 2014

**Study week:** 20–24 October 2014

**Examination/Assessment Period:** 24 October to 15 November 2014

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

**Withdrawal dates:** Refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds). If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats).

## Class times and locations

**Lectures:** Tuesday 12:00 - 12:50am Maclaurin MCLT101  
Thursday 13:10 - 14:00 Hugh Mackenzie HMLT205

**Tutorials:** please sign up for a tutorial on S-Cubed.

## Names and contact details

Course coordinator: Dr Sarah Wright  
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Email: sarah.wright@vuw.ac.nz  
Office hours: Wednesday 10am-12pm.

Contact details for tutors, and their office hours, will be listed on Blackboard.

## Communication of additional information

Any additional course information will be posted on Blackboard. You will automatically receive all Blackboard announcements as an email sent to your @myvuw.ac.nz email address. If you are not going to use this Victoria email address set up for you, we strongly encourage you to forward messages received from the Victoria email system to the email address you do use.

## Prescription

CRIM 212 examines the nature, causes and characteristics of criminal offending in New Zealand. The course will draw on analytical skills acquired in CRIM 211, by linking criminological perspectives to particular types of criminal behaviour. The course will also supply students with an overview of criminal justice responses to crime and disorder in New Zealand.

## Course content

	Week/Commencing	Tuesday, 12:00 –12:50	Thursday, 1:10 – 2:00
1	14 July	Introduction	The Crime Picture
2	21 July	The History of Crime	Alcohol and Disorder
3	28 July	Drug-Related Crime	Sexual Violence
4	4 Aug	Family Violence	Gangs
5	11 Aug	Corporate Crime	State Crime
6	18 Aug	Crimes Against the Environment	***** In Class Test *****

Mid trimester break 25 August – 7 September 2014

7	8 Sep	Introducing Criminal Justice	Victims
8	15 Sep	Policing	Surveillance and Security
9	22 Sep	Crime Prevention	Courts
10	29 Sep	Punishment	Prisons
11	6 Oct	Probation	Restorative Justice
12	13 Oct	Summary	Exam Prep

## Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature and types of offending in New Zealand;
2. Critically evaluate the key theories and concepts associated with a range of crime types;
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the criminal justice system and associated services in New Zealand.

## Teaching format

The course combines lectures and class discussions in a format that aims to guide students through the major topic areas. There will be opportunity and encouragement for you to express your views and knowledge. Tutorial questions and topics will be posted on Blackboard.

## Mandatory course requirements

In addition to achieving an overall pass mark of 50%, students must:

1. Sit the in-class test,
2. Submit the essay,
3. Sit the two-hour exam, and
4. Attend at least 7 tutorials.

## Workload

Taking into account class attendance of three hours a week (lectures and tutorials), reading, preparing for assignments and so on, you should spend about 13 hours a week working for CRIM 212 (the expectations are that students will work 10 hours per point, therefore a 20 point course equates to 200 hours over the trimester). You are expected to **complete the readings** in the student notes relating to each session and be prepared to take an active part in discussions in tutorials.

## Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	In-Class Test (45 minutes)	20%	1	1:10pm, 21 August
2	Short Essay (2250-2500 words)	40%	1,2	4pm, 19 September
3	Final Examination (2 hours)	40%	2,3	TBA (during the exam period 24 Oct to 15 Nov 2014)

### In-Class Test

**Date: 21 August 2014**

**Weighting 20%**

This test is designed so that students can demonstrate their understanding of the nature and types of offending in New Zealand. The test will take place in the usual lecture session.

## Short Essay (2250-2500 words)

Weighting 40%

### Due: 4pm, 19 September

This essay allows students to critically evaluate key theories and concepts related to crimes in New Zealand. Students must pick **one** of the following essay 'questions' and **draw upon** *criminological theoretical perspectives* in their answer:

1. Critically discuss the idea that there was a 'golden era' when few crimes occurred in New Zealand.
2. What is the relationship between alcohol and crime in New Zealand? Discuss this question with particular reference to **either** gender **or** age.
3. 'Beyond its illegality, illicit drug use does not cause crime in New Zealand'. Critically discuss this statement.
4. With a focus on **either** children **or** women **or** Māori, provide explanations for the extent and nature of family violence in New Zealand.
5. 'Rape and sexual violence are still silenced in New Zealand'. Critically discuss this statement.
6. Critically examine the societal and structural factors that have influenced gang formation and membership in New Zealand. Do recent attempts to stem the perceived 'gang problem' address these factors?
7. Critically evaluate the nature of **either** corporate crime **or** state crime in New Zealand.
8. 'An environmental crime is an unauthorised act or omission that violates the law'. Critically discuss this statement using examples from New Zealand to support your argument.

## Final Examination

Weighting 40%

Length: 2 hours

Date: TBA. During the exam period 24 October to 15 November 2014

In completing the examination, students are expected to demonstrate an understanding and knowledge of the key theories and concepts associated with the criminal justice system in New Zealand (ie, the material covered in the second half of the course). Further information will be given at a later date.

## Submission and return of work

All written work should be placed in the essay box on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Murphy building or sent to the course co-ordinator at the Institute of Criminology, Victoria University of Wellington, PO Box 600, Wellington 6140 by courier or registered mail postmarked **no later than 4pm on the due date**. Essays will be returned within tutorial times. Marked assignments can be collected at the Murphy 9<sup>th</sup> floor reception desk, between **2.00 and 4.00 pm only** from Monday to Friday.

## Extensions and penalties

### Extensions

Assignments must be handed in by the due date. You are expected to keep to this deadline, as otherwise it is unfair to other students. Extensions will be granted only in exceptional circumstances, and should be sought from the course coordinator **prior** to the deadline. An example of an exceptional circumstance would be illness supported by a letter from a medical practitioner. Please note that lack of organisation, word-processing failures and other work demands are not “good reasons”.

### Penalties

Late submission of work without permission will be penalised by the following deductions:

One grade = period up to and including 24 hours past due date.

Two grades = period from 24 hours up to and including 72 hours past due date.

### Work that is handed in later than 72 hours without permission will not be accepted.

Students are advised that failure to keep to the word limit can result in examiners refusing to read that part of the assignment in excess of the word limit. You must provide a word total on the cover sheet for the assignment.

### Set texts

The required text for this course is a book of Student Notes.

Each student should buy the prepared book of Student Notes from VicBooks since ready access to and familiarity with its contents will be required throughout the course. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at [www.vicbooks.co.nz](http://www.vicbooks.co.nz) or can email an order or enquiry to [enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz).

### Recommended reading

Suggestions for further readings as well as links to relevant internet sites will be posted on BlackBoard.

### Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:
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### Student feedback

Student feedback on University courses may be found at [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php).

## Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism)
- Aegrotats: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades)
- Resolving academic issues: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Special passes: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter)
- Student Contract: [www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract)
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure)
- Victoria graduate profile: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)

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