

**Department of Sociology  
Brescia University College  
Police and Security  
Sociology 2223A, Section 530  
Summer Evening 2021**

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**Lectures:** Asynchronous – posted online, with a voluntary **bi-weekly** Zoom meet to check in (Monday's at noon), discuss assignments, concepts, readings, and to connect. These will not be recorded or posted.

**Classroom:** Virtual (Owl)

**Office Hours:** Mondays 11:00am to noon

**Office:** Zoom, Facetime, Phone call – whatever is most comfortable for you.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course aims to provide a sociological overview of policing, security, and surveillance in Canada, both from a historical and critical perspective. We will explore the challenges of modern-day policing from an organizational and operational perspective, while critically examining the changing role of the police in our society. We will use a sociological lens to explore how the safety and security climate in Canada has both changed and remained the same over time in a broader social context. Security and surveillance will be addressed in how they both inform and challenge traditional norms of the police subculture.

**Prerequisite(s):** 1.0 from Sociology courses at the 1000 level. Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

By the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the history of law enforcement and how various systems inform and reproduce the roles of each other.
2. Critically analyze the role of the police in modern society and potential reform.
3. Analyze the complex relationship between law enforcement, institutions, and groups.
4. Apply relevant criminological theories to the topic of safety and security.
5. Differentiate between various policing operational approaches and their impact on crime and various communities.
6. Participate knowledgably in discussions of police organizational culture.

The main objective of this course is to assess the institution of policing in Canada through a critical and intersectional lens.

## **BRESCIA COMPETENCIES**

You will develop the Brescia competencies at introductory and intermediate levels in this course. The Brescia competencies include:

### *Communication*

The ability to exchange information and meaning effectively across cultures, space and time through appropriate modes of communication. Includes oral, written, and interpersonal or group communicate, as well as the ability to use current or innovative media.

### *Critical Thinking*

The ability to engage in thinking characterized by the rational, informed, independent, and openminded exploration of issues, ideas, and events before accepting or formulating a conclusion.

### *Inquiry and Analysis*

The ability to reach informed decisions by breaking down complex issues, exploring evidence, demonstrating information literacy, and describing relationships among persons, things, or events.

### *Problem Solving*

The ability to create and execute a strategy to answer a question or achieve a goal. Includes being able to anticipate the consequence of a potential solution, select a strategy among several alternatives, and decide when an acceptable outcome has been reached.

### *Self Awareness and Development*

The ability to draw meaning, knowledge and value from honest and fair reflection and self-evaluation. Students are able to recognize their values and their impact on others and make a commitment to personal growth.

### *Social Awareness and Engagement*

The ability to respect and be open to diversity (e.g. cultural, religious, political). Students take personal responsibility to actively engage in and contribute to creating positive change in local, regional, national, or global communities and societies.

### *Valuing*

The ability to make decisions or choose actions based on the consistent application of moral principles and ethical codes. Students must also be able to understand the ideas informing one's beliefs and be accountable for their actions

## Required Texts and Readings

There is no text required for this course. There are required weekly materials, but the citations for these will be provided on Owl for you to look up using the Western OMNI system to help you get familiar with research. Any hard to find reading will be uploaded to Owl for you.

A course schedule of weekly readings will be posted on Owl.

## Contact Information

The best way to reach me is via email at [levans8@uwo.ca](mailto:levans8@uwo.ca). I will try to respond within 48 business hours (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5pm). Please remember that your emails to professors should be professional, edited, and come from your UWO account.

## Course Etiquette

All students are expected to engage online in a professional and respectful manner. This includes all interactions with peers, as well as communication with your Professor. Failure to do so will result in academic discipline. These requests are out of respect for your peers, your professor, and to help you get the most out of this course.

This is a fully online course that will use Brescia's learning platform, OWL (Sakai). This class is designed to be **asynchronous**, meaning we will not have a regular, mandatory time when the entire class must be online. However, there will be some synchronous activities that you will participate in based on your own schedule, such as our voluntary bi-weekly meets, office hours, or group work.

This course begins on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 and continues until June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, honouring all important dates derived from University approved guidelines and academic policies. The course material will be posted on Owl by May 3<sup>rd</sup> for you to access.

## Copyright and Intellectual Property

PowerPoint lecture slides and notes, lists of readings, in-class activities, assignment guidelines, and other components of the course materials are typically the intellectual property of the instructor. Unauthorized reproduction through audio-recording, video-recording, photographing, sharing on social media, or posting on course-sharing websites is an infringement of copyright and is prohibited. Such action may be considered a Code of Conduct violation and lead to sanctions.

## Method of Evaluation

*Your final grade for this course will be calculated as follows:*

Reflections	40%
Annotated Bibliography (May 21st)	20%
Final Project (June 14 <sup>th</sup> )	40%

Detailed descriptions of assignments will be posted on Owl and discussed via Zoom meets.

## **Weekly Lessons**

All course material and activities will be conducted through Owl. Lessons will be administered via voiced over PPT/Voicethread, including instructions for each reflection assignment. Each week will be organized under the 'lessons' tab on the Owl course homepage (to your left) for ease of access. Voluntary Zoom meets to check in, discuss assignments, concepts, readings, and connect will be held bi-weekly. These will not be recorded or posted. The Zoom links can be found under the Zoom tab on the Owl course homepage.

## **Reflections (Ongoing)**

There will be four application exercises to assist you in the understanding of, and critical engagement with, course material. These may consist of podcasts, documentaries, case studies and/or real-life examples that you will provide a short, written analysis of. You will be expected to critically engage with the activity topics and include course materials e.g. readings/lectures in your responses. Specific details and expectations will be posted on Owl and discussed in class Zoom meets. *Brescia Competencies: All*

## **Annotated Bibliography (due May 21<sup>st</sup>)**

You will provide a short annotated bibliography with four peer-reviewed sources that apply to your final project. Specific details and expectations will be posted on Owl. *Brescia Competencies: Critical Thinking, Inquiry Analysis*

## **Final Project (Due June 14<sup>th</sup>)**

*In our first week*, you will sign up via Google Docs (the link will be on Owl) for a topic for your final research project. The project is a report with a focus on meaningful change – the idea is that you are convincing someone with power e.g. a government agency to address your topic. You will choose a topic, research it throughout the course, then provide me a report (not essay) that tells me about the problem you've identified, why it matters, and what recommendations you suggest. Further instructions on the project format (and some examples) will be posted online and discussed in class Zoom meets. *Brescia Competencies: All*

## **Course Schedule**

The following is an outline of topics to be covered in this course. While I have provided a weekly schedule to help keep you on track, please note that many of these topics overlap and will feature in lectures throughout the term. A full reading list, both required readings and extra readings to help get you started on your final project, will be posted on Owl.

*Remember this is an accelerated course that would be two lectures/week in person, thus there are two lectures per week online, except for the week your annotated bibliography is due. These average about 2 hours or so each – plus another hour or two for your reflection. In total, class work should take you about 6- 8 hours/week (because of both lectures).*

## **Week of:**

**May 3rd: Introduction to Policing/History of Policing**

**May 10th: Contemporary Policing/Police Culture** *Activity #1*

**May 17th: Diversity in Policing – an Intersectional Analysis** *Activity #2; Annotated Bibliography due at the end of the week (only one lecture this week to give you working time)*

**May 24th: Police Misconduct: Deviance, Ethics, Accountability/Police Powers and Oversight** *Activity #3*

**May 31st: Racialized Communities and the Police/ Calls for Transformation: Defunding, Abolition, and Future Possibilities** *Activity #4*

**June 7th: No lecture to give you time to work on your final projects**

### **Grading Rubric:**

A  $\geq$ 80% Excellent; exceeds expectations in all areas of evaluation

B 70-79% Very good work at this level of university; exceeds expectations in some areas, but not all areas, of evaluation

C 60-69% Satisfactory work; meets basic expectations at this level of university

D 50-59% Does not meet basic university expectations, but effort has been demonstrated

F  $\leq$ 49% Absolutely unsatisfactory for this level of university

### **Late Policy**

In the event you will be absent for class activities, assignments, and/or exams, documentation for medical or non-medical academic accommodation must be submitted directly to academic accommodations and not to the instructor. When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Academic Advisor in consultation with the student's instructor, who will make the final decision. Please note that personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are not grounds for academic accommodation.

Unless prior arrangements have been made at the instructor's discretion, a penalty of 5% per day (including weekends) will be applied to late assignments.

## 2020-21 BRESCIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. POLICY REGARDING ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

The complete policy regarding [Accommodation for Illness - Undergraduate Students](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12) can be found at [http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_12](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12).

Students who have long-term or chronic medical conditions which may impede their ability to complete academic responsibilities should seek Academic Accommodation through Student Accessibility Services

([http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_10](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?PolicyCategoryID=1&Command=showCategory&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_10)).

Personal commitments (e.g., vacation flight bookings, work schedule) which conflict with a scheduled test, exam or course requirement are **not** grounds for academic accommodation.

Students who experience an illness or extenuating circumstance sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

1. Submitting a **Self-Reported Absence** form provided that the conditions for submission are met;
2. For medical absences, submitting a **Student Medical Certificate (SMC)** signed by a licensed medical or mental health practitioner;
3. For non-medical absences, submitting **appropriate documentation** (e.g., obituary, police report, accident report, court order, etc.) to their Academic Advisor. Students are encouraged to contact their Academic Advisor to clarify what documentation is acceptable.

#### Requests for Academic Consideration Using the Self-Reported Absence Portal

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance of 48 hours or less that is sufficiently severe to render them unable to meet academic requirements should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours. Note that the excused absence includes all courses and academic requirements within the up to 48 hours, it is not intended to provide an excused absence from a single course while students fulfill their academic responsibilities in other courses during that time.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

1. Students will be allowed a **maximum of two self-reported absences** between September and April and one self-reported absence between May and August;
2. The duration of the absence will be for a maximum of 48 hours from the time the Self-Reported Absence form is completed through the online portal, or from 8:30 am the following morning if the form is submitted after 4:30 pm;
3. The excused absence will terminate prior to the end of the 48 hour period if the student undertakes significant academic responsibilities (writes a test, submits a paper) during that time;
4. Self-reported absences will **not** be allowed for scheduled final examinations; midterm examinations scheduled during the December examination period; or for final lab examinations scheduled during the final week of term;
5. Self-report absences may **not** be used for assessments worth more than 30% of any course;
6. Any absences in excess of 48 hours will require students to present a Student Medical Certificate (SMC), or appropriate documentation;
7. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours after the end of the period covered by the Self-Reported Absence form** to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence.

## Request for Academic Consideration for a Medical Absence

When a student requests academic accommodation (e.g., extension of a deadline, a makeup exam) for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course, it is the responsibility of the student to provide acceptable documentation to support a medical or compassionate claim. All such requests for academic accommodation **must** be made through an Academic Advisor and include supporting documentation.

Academic accommodation for illness will be granted only if the documentation indicates that the onset, duration and severity of the illness are such that the student could not reasonably be expected to complete their academic responsibilities. Minor ailments typically treated by over-the-counter medications will not normally be accommodated.

The following conditions apply for students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds:

1. Students must submit their Student Medical Certificate (SMC) along with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested no later than two business days after the date specified for resuming responsibilities. An SMC can be downloaded from [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf) ;
2. In cases where there might be an extended absence or serious issue, students should submit their documentation promptly and consult their Academic Advisor for advice during their recovery period;
3. Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, scheduled tests or examinations, and other academic requirements;
4. Students **must** communicate with their instructors **no later than 24 hours** after the end of the period covered by the SMC to clarify how they will fulfil the academic expectations they may have missed during the absence;
5. Appropriate academic accommodation will be determined by the Dean's Office/Academic Advisor in consultation with the course instructor(s). Academic accommodation may include extension of deadlines, waiver of attendance requirements, arranging Special Exams (make-ups), re-weighting course requirements, or granting late withdrawal without academic penalty.

The [full policy on requesting accommodation due to illness](#) can be viewed at:

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_12](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_12)

## 2. ACADEMIC CONCERNS

If you feel that you have a medical or personal challenge that is interfering with your work, contact your instructor and Academic Advisor as soon as possible. Problems may then be documented and possible arrangements to assist you can be discussed at the time of occurrence rather than on a retroactive basis. Retroactive requests for academic accommodation on medical or compassionate grounds are not normally considered.

If you think that you are too far behind to catch up or that your work load is not manageable, you should consult your Academic Advisor. If you consider reducing your workload by dropping one or more courses, this must be done by the appropriate deadlines; please refer to the [Registrar's website](#), <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/> or the list of official sessional dates in the Academic Calendar

(<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/SessionalDates.cfm?SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=>).

You should consult with the course instructor and the Academic Advisor who can help you consider alternatives to dropping one or more courses. *Note that dropping a course may affect OSAP eligibility and/or Entrance Scholarship eligibility.*

### 3. ABSENCES

**Short Absences:** If you miss a class due to a minor illness or other problems, check your course outline for information regarding attendance requirements and make sure you are not missing a test or assignment. Cover any readings and arrange to borrow notes from a classmate. Contact the course instructor if you have any questions.

Please note that for asynchronous online courses, attendance or participation requirements may be different than for synchronous or in-person courses.

**Extended Absences:** If you have an extended absence, you should contact the course instructor and an Academic Advisor. Your course instructor and Academic Advisor can discuss ways for you to catch up on missed work, and arrange academic accommodations if appropriate and warranted.

It is important to note that the Academic Dean may refuse permission to write the final examination in a course if the student has failed to maintain satisfactory academic standing throughout the year or for too frequent absence from the class or laboratory

([http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading\\_68](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=5&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_68) ).

### 4. SCHOLASTIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence at:

[http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_20](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_20).

Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences. Note that such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom it is submitted, any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in the University or elsewhere. Students are advised to consult the section on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students in the Academic Calendar.

If you are in doubt about whether what you are doing is inappropriate or not, consult your instructor, the Academic Dean's Office, or the Registrar. A claim that "you didn't know it was wrong" is not accepted as an excuse.

The penalties for a student guilty of a scholastic offence (including plagiarism) include refusal of a passing grade in the assignment, refusal of a passing grade in the course, suspension from the University, and expulsion from the University.

#### **Plagiarism:**

Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence.

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

#### **Computer-marked Tests/exams:**

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating. Software currently in use to score computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams performs a similarity review as part of standard exam analysis.

### **5. PROCEDURES FOR APPEALING ACADEMIC EVALUATIONS**

All appeals of a grade must be directed first to the course instructor. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the course instructor, a written appeal is to be sent to the School Chair. If the response of the Chair is considered unsatisfactory to the student, they may then submit a written appeal to the Office of the Dean. If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Dean, they may appeal to the Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA), if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal and if the matter falls within the jurisdiction of the SRBA. For information on academic appeals consult your Academic Advisor or see the Student Academic Appeals – Undergraduate in the Academic Calendar [http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page\\_14](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#Page_14).

Note that final course marks are not official until the Academic Dean has reviewed and signed the final grade report for the course. If course marks deviate from acceptable and appropriate standards, the Academic Dean may require grades to be adjusted to align them with accepted grading practices.

### **6. PREREQUISITES**

Unless you have either the prerequisites for a course or written special permission from the Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from the course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisite(s).

### **7. SUPPORT**

#### **Support Services**

The Brescia University College Registrar's website, with a link to Academic Advisors, is at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/academics/registrar-services/>. Students can access supports through Brescia's Student Life Centre (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/student-life/>) and Learning Skills Services at Western (<https://www.uwo.ca/sdc/learning/>)

#### **Mental Health and Wellness**

Students may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to your learning, such as increased anxiety, feeling overwhelmed, feeling down or lost, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. Services are available to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing.

You can obtain information about how to obtain help for yourself or others through **Mental Health & Wellness at Brescia** (<http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/mental-health-wellness/>) and **Health and Wellness at Western**, [http://uwo.ca/health/mental\\_wellbeing/index.html](http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html).

### **Sexual Violence**

All members of the Brescia University College community have a right to work and study in an environment that is free from any form of sexual violence. Brescia University College recognizes that the prevention of, and response to, Sexual Violence is of particular importance in the university environment. Sexual Violence is strictly prohibited and unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Brescia is committed to preventing Sexual Violence and creating a safe space for anyone in the Brescia community who has experienced Sexual Violence.

If you or someone you know has experienced any form of Sexual Violence, you may access resources at <http://brescia.uwo.ca/life/sexual-violence/>.

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Portions of this document were taken from the Academic Calendar, the Handbook of Academic and Scholarship Policy and the Academic Handbook of Senate Regulations. This document is a summary of relevant regulations and does not supersede the academic policies and regulations of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.

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