

HISTORY 4410G
Crime and Society in England, 1800-1900
Fall/Winter 2020-21
Thursdays, 2:30-4:30

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Seminars will take place in a virtual, synchronous format - on-line and at a dedicated time.

Course Description:

This seminar explores nineteenth-century reform of the criminal law: the rise of modern policing and the transformation of both the criminal trial and punishment. It considers the impact of gender and class on definitions of crime and the treatment of offenders as well as the historiography of criminal justice.

Prerequisite(s):

2.0 History courses at the 2200 level or above.

Unless you have either the prerequisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The 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 prerequisites.

Antirequisite(s):

History 4411E

Course Syllabus:

This seminar explores nineteenth-century reform of the criminal law: the rise of modern policing and the transformation of both the criminal trial and punishment. It considers the impact of gender and class on definitions of crime and the treatment of offenders as well as the historiography of criminal justice. It will also examine representations of crime, policing, trial, and punishment in the nineteenth-century press.

Students will be assigned responsibility for initiating discussion of various assigned texts in class. The written assignments consist of a **1,000 word article review** and a **2,500 word research essay, chosen in consultation with the instructor**, which illuminates the history of policing, trial, or punishment.

Attendance in the seminar is **mandatory**.

On completion of the course students will have

Developed an understanding of the ways in which criminal behaviour was conceptualized and categorized in nineteenth-century Britain.

Assessed the ways in which these new understandings influenced the theory and practice of punishment.

Become familiar with the history of British policing, both preventive and detective.

Explored crucial developments in the history of the criminal trial, including the presumption of innocence and the right to counsel.

Course Materials:

Required text: Clive Emsley, *Crime and Society in England, 1750–1900*, 5th ed. (London, 2018)

Additional readings will be assigned on a weekly basis.

Methods of Evaluation:

Students must complete all coursework. Failure to complete all assigned coursework will result in a failing grade.

Grading Scheme:

Seminar participation	40%
Article review (due 11 Feb.)	20%
Research essay (due 25 Mar.)	40%

Both the article review and the research essay are to be submitted electronically. Due dates are not flexible. A late penalty of 2% per day, including weekends, will be levied on work submitted after the deadline without an extension.

Accommodation for missed assignment deadlines with a Self Reported Absence:

If a student reports a SRA for an assignment (i.e. an essay) the new due date will be 48 hours after the SRA was submitted. For example, if you complete a SRA on March 19 at 3pm, your new due date will be March 21 at 3pm.

Additional Statements:

Please review the Department of History Course Must-Knows document, <https://www.history.uwo.ca/undergraduate/Docs/Department%20of%20History%20Course%20Must-Knows.pdf>, for additional information regarding:

- Academic Offences
- Accessibility Options
- Medical Issues

- Plagiarism
- Scholastic Offences
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