

**Criminology 352**  
**Environmental Criminology: Theory and Practice**  
**School of Criminology**  
**Simon Fraser University**  
**Fall 2018 (Term 1187)**  
**Wednesdays: 2:30pm - 5:20pm (AQ 5014)**

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**Calendar Description:**

Explores the history of the field of environmental criminology and critically examines the theoretical approaches within the field. Special emphasis is placed upon the relationship between crime, fear and the environment, the criminality of place and the decision processes involved in criminal events.

**Prerequisite:**

CRIM 100, 101 or 102.

**Course objectives:**

1. To cover the intellectual origins of the field of environmental criminology.
2. To introduce students to the primary theories within environmental criminology.
3. To present the ways in which environmental criminology is put into practice in crime analysis and prevention, including the limitations of these approaches.

**Course structure:**

There is one seminar (3 hours) per week.

**Course evaluation:**

Midterm Exam	30%
Participation	30%
Paper	30%
Presentation	10%

## **Textbook:**

**Required:** Andresen, M.A. (2014). *Environmental criminology: Evolution, theory, and Practice*. New York, NY: Routledge. Hereafter referred to as EC.

**Something to consider:** Andresen, M.A., P.J. Brantingham, and J.B. Kinney [eds.] (2010). *Classics in Environmental Criminology*. Co-published: Burnaby, BC, SFU Publications and Boca Raton, FL, Taylor & Francis. Hereafter referred to as CEC.

There may also some supplementary readings, mostly available through Canvas. You are responsible to download, photocopy, or borrow these readings from the library.

## **Lecture topics, schedule, and readings:**

Lecture 1. Introduction to the course and social disorganization theory

- Week 1 (05 September)
- EC, Chapter 1 & 2; CEC, Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5

Lecture 2. Routine activity theory

- Week 2 (12 September)
- EC, Chapter 3; CEC, Chapters 8 and 9

Lecture 3. Geometry of crime

- Week 3 (19 September)
- EC, Chapter 4; CEC, Chapters 10, 11, and 12

Lecture 4. Rational choice theory

- Week 4 (26 September)
- EC, Chapter 5; CEC, Chapters 13, 14, and 15

Lecture 5. Bringing it all together: crime pattern theory and crime prevention

- Week 5 (03 October)
- EC, Chapters 6 and 7; CEC, Chapter 16, 17, 20, and 21

Lecture 6. Hot spots in space and time

- Week 6 (10 October)
- EC, Chapters 10 and 11

Lecture 7. The crime drop and geographic profiling

- Week 7 (17 October)
- EC, Chapters 12 and 13

Lecture 8. (Near-) repeat victimization and crime and place

- Week 8 (24 October)
- EC, Chapters 14 and 15

Lecture 9. Exam

- Week 9 (31 October)

Lecture 10. Presentations I

- Week 10 (07 November)

Lecture 11. Class cancelled: Instructor at conference

- Week 11 (14 November)

Lecture 12. Presentations II

- Week 12 (21 November)

Lecture 13. Presentations III

- Week 13 (28 November)

***I retain the right to modify the course content and course schedule  
based on instructional needs.***

## **The Paper**

The paper you are to write for this course shall be approximately 2500 words. Any significant deviation in length, both too long and too short (+/- 10%), may be cause for a reduced grade.

You are to obtain, using the library resources, three (3) related book chapters and/or journal articles (NO "TEXTBOOK" CHAPTERS) that are in the field of environmental criminology, or a field that relates to environmental criminology; geography of crime and urban planning are a couple of examples. Please feel free to contact me if you are unsure of your topic. *None of your choices may be from the course reading list, required or recommended.*

For each paper/book chapter, you are to provide the thesis, main points, conclusion, and your assessment of the research. Think of using 750 words for each paper/book chapter. Then use the remaining 250 words to tell me what you have learned from your paper. In other words, synthesize everything. These are, however, just guidelines for length.

How you choose to write your paper is up to you. You may "stack" the 3 reviews in a format similar to an annotated bibliography. Or you may treat the 3 articles and/or book chapters as a single entity and write about that entity referring to your chosen articles and/or book chapters. If you are interested in a particular aspect of environmental criminology that you would like to explore further, you may also write a "standard" research paper.

The paper is due on the last day of class: **28 November 2018.**

### **General Outline for Course Paper**

For each article/paper/chapter provide the following:

1. Thesis of the work
2. The Main Points
3. The Conclusions of the Authors
4. Your Assessment of the Work

With three papers to review, this should be approximately 750 words for each paper.

Lastly, provide 250 or so words stating what you learned from reading these three papers.

The total is 2500 words.

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