AP/PPAS 2420 3.0 M
COMMUNITY POLICING – Tues 4pm-7pm (Winter Term)

Course Information

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Course Time & Days: 4pm-7pm (Tuesday)
Class Location: Dahdaleh Building Rm 1016.

Office Hours & Location: Schedule via email appointment

Tutorials, Labs and TA Contact Information

In Class only – Lectures/Group Work

Land Acknowledgment (Keele Campus)

First Nations peoples have lived on this part of Turtle Island for millennia, stewarding the land, the water and all that contributes to life in this region. Today, the culture and presence of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples enrich the lands and people of this territory.

More than two centuries ago, the Mississauga people welcomed settlers to this territory, providing sustenance and engaging in trade and commerce. Between 1781 and 1820, eight treaties were signed between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, who opened their territory to settlement. Today, York University's Keele Campus is located on Toronto Purchase Treaty, No. 13 lands and is situated on the traditional territory of the Wendat and Haudenosaunee.

Treaty history is foundational, and it is our collective responsibility to honour the land, as we honour and respect those who have gone before us, those who are here and those who have yet to come. We are grateful for the opportunity to be learning, working and thriving on this land, and we commit to learn the truth and be active in the process of reconciliation.

Course Overview

Course Description

This course provides a sociological and legal analysis of a particular strategy of public policing (community policing). The nature of community policing is analyzed in reference to the contemporary and historical debates regarding the mandate and accountability of modern policing. A balanced approach to understanding the role of policing and police oversight is examined in a democratic society.

Pre-Requisites:

Course Credit Exclusions (CCE):

Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the distinctive features of community policing within a Canadian context.
- Gain a better understanding of the establishment and legitimation of professional policing
- Gain a foundational understanding of the breadth of the police role and the transformations of police pluralisation
- Gain an appreciation of police powers and accountability within the context of community policing and social justice
- Develop analytical and research skills that are essential to pursuing advanced studies in the field of public policy and administration
- Understand the role of policing as a social institution within a democratic society
- Understand the role of police oversight within a democratic society as compared to other jurisdictions, and countries
- Develop appreciation of policing and other justice sector careers in the justice system

Course Organization and Format

The course will consist of on-campus lectures, interactive discussions of the readings, and occasional additional audio-visual on-line material. The lecture takes place during the first part of class. We will take breaks periodically during the first half to allow for some stretching-out and breakout discussions. During the second part of class there is additional lecture material to discuss, and breakout sessions for group work. The group work assignments are important to understand the material and provides opportunity for students to present their findings within class.

In order to facilitate class discussion and participation, students are expected to read the assigned readings beforehand.

Instructor Office Hours and Communication Guidelines

Schedule via email appointment

Required Course Materials

Course Learning Material	Cost	Availability
Bowling, Reiner, Sheptycki's *The Politics of the Police* 5th edition Oxford Press.	32.00	eBook Available from Bookstore
Tulloch, Michael H., Report of the Independent Police Oversight Review, Queen's Printer, 2017.	N/A	eBook Available on-line (URL will be provided)
Total Cost	**$32.00**	

Optional Course Materials

Not Applicable.

Technical Requirements

Several platforms will be used in this course (e.g., eClass, Zoom, etc.) where students will interact with course materials, the course director/TA, as well as with each other.

Need technical help? Check out the following helpful links for information resources and support:

- Student Guide to eClass
- Zoom@YorkU Best Practices
- Zoom@YorkU User Reference Guide
- eLearning Getting Started (LA&PS eServices)
- Student Guide to Remote and Online Learning

To determine Internet connection and speed, there are online tests, such as Speedtest, that can be run. If you need technical assistance, please consult the University Information Technology (UIT) Student Services webpage or write to askit@yorku.ca.

Course Evaluations

Course Evaluation Chart

Assessment	Due Date	Weight %	Course Learning Outcome
Mid-term In Class Exam	Feb 9, 2027	35%	Explication and Evaluation
Assignment	Feb 23, 2027 Before Class	30%	Critical Evaluation
Final Term In Class Exam	Mar 30, 2027	20 %	Explication and Evaluation
Attendance and Participation		15%	
		100%	

How to Submit Assessments

E-Class via Turnitin

Late Work Policy

Discuss with Professor

Missed Assessments, Tests and Exams

Discuss with Professor

How to Use Citations in this Course

APA Style

Resources to help with citations:

- I need to cite and reference, Learning Commons
- Drop-in Research Support, York U Libraries
- Writing Centre
- Student Papers & Academic Research Kit (SPARK)

Grading

The grading scheme for this course confirms to the 9-point system used in undergraduate programs at York University. For a full description of the York grading system, visit the York University Academic Calendar.

Grade	Grade Point	Percent Range	Description
A+	9	90–100	Exceptional
A	8	80–89	Excellent
B+	7	75–79	Very Good
B	6	70–74	Good
C+	5	65–69	Competent
C	4	60–64	Fairly Competent
D+	3	55–59	Passing
D	2	50–54	Marginally Passing
E	1	40–49	Marginally Failing
F	0	0–39	Failing

Course Schedule Weekly Readings and Activities

Important Dates

Explore York University's Registrar's Office to find a list of important dates, such as class start/end dates, drop deadlines, holidays and more.

Weekly Course Schedule

Week	Readings and Activities		
Week 1 **Jan 5**	Introduction to the Course & Group Work		
Week 2 **Jan 12**	• Policing: Theory and Research Chapter 1 • Discussion and Group Work: Politics of Policing in 2020 • Policing In Ontario – Tulloch Report – Chapter 3		

Week	Readings and Activities		
Week 3 **Jan 19**	• Theories and Models of Policing Chapter 2 • Composition Of Oversight Bodies – Ontario, Tulloch Report Chapter 4 • Discussion and Group Work: Legality and Culture		
Week 4 **Jan 26**	• A Brief History of Policing Chapters 2+3 • Effective Criminal Investigations – Tulloch Report – Chapter 5 & 6 • Discussion and Group Work: Establishment and Legitimation of Professional Policing		
Week 5 **Feb 2**	• The Police Role, Function and Effects Chapter 5 • Transparent and Accountable Criminal Investigations – Tulloch Report – Chapter 6 • Discussion and Group Work: Conceptions of the police role		
Week 6 **Feb 9**	**Mid-term exam (35%) In-Class**		
Week 7 **Feb 16**	**Winter Reading Week Break**		
Week 8 **Feb 23**	**Assignment Due (35%)**		
Week 9 **Mar 02**	• Policing and Social Justice Chapter 6 • Public Complaints Investigations – Tulloch Report – Chapter 7 • Discussion and Group Work : Fairness, equality and justice in policing		

Week 10 **Mar 9**	• Pluralisation of Policing in Canada Chapter 7 • Indigenous Peoples and Police Oversight – Tulloch Report – Chapter 10 • Police and the Media – The (police) stories we tell ourselves and like to be told		
Week	**Readings and Activities**		
Week 11 **Mar 16**	• Chapter 10 • Other Forms of Police Oversight & Police Oversight in Other Jurisdictions • Tulloch Report – Chapter 11, Appendix C – Jurisdictional Summaries		
Week 12 **Mar 23**	**Review Session**		
Week 13 **Mar 30**	**Final Term Exam (20%)**		

Course Policies

Please review the course policies in this section. All students are expected to familiarize themselves with the following information:

- Student Rights & Responsibilities
- Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities

Academic Integrity and Conduct

Academic integrity is a fundamental and important value of York University. To maintain a fair and honest learning environment, you are responsible for understanding and upholding academic integrity in all courses and academic activities. You are encouraged to connect with reliable on-campus resources that support your coursework and academic honesty. To better understand the serious consequences of breaching academic honesty policies, familiarize yourself with the *Senate Policy on Academic Conduct*. You can learn more about upholding academic integrity in your courses by exploring SPARK: Academic Integrity Module, LA&PS Academic Honesty and Academic Integrity for Students.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI)

Students are not permitted to use generative artificial intelligence (AI) in this course. Submitting any work created (in whole or part) through the use of generative AI tools will be considered a violation of York University's *Senate Policy on Academic Conduct*. Using AI apps such as Microsoft Copilot, ChatGPT, DALL-E, translation software among others to complete academic work **without your instructor's**

knowledge or permission, is considered a breach under York's Academic Conduct Policy. For more information, please review AI Technology & Academic Integrity: Information for Students.
If you're not sure whether using an AI app for your academic work is acceptable, it is recommended that you:

- Carefully review the guidelines for your assessments
- Check for any messages from your instructor on eClass
- Ask your instructor or TA if they are permitting the use of these tools

Turnitin

To promote academic integrity in this course, you will normally be required to submit your written assignments to Turnitin (on the course's eClass site) for a review of textual similarities and the detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, you are allowing your material to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used only for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin service are described on the Turnitin.com website. York students may opt out of using Turnitin. If you wish to opt out, you should contact your instructor as soon as possible.

Accessibility

York University is committed to creating a learning environment which provides equal opportunity to all members of its community. If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning in this course, please discuss your concerns with your instructor as early as possible. For students with disabilities, contact Student Accessibility Services to coordinate academic accommodations and services. Accommodations will be communicated to Course Directors through a Letter of Accommodation (LOA). Accommodations for tests/exams normally require three (3) weeks (or 21 days) before the scheduled test/exam to arrange. To learn more, please visit Accommodated Exam/Test Scheduling.

Religious Observance Accommodation

York University is committed to respecting the religious beliefs and practices of all members of the community and making reasonable and appropriate accommodations to adherents for observances of days of religious significance. Should any of the dates specified in this syllabus for course assignments, tests, or deadlines conflict with a date of religious significance, please contact the instructor not less than two (2) weeks (or 14 days) prior to the date for which accommodation is sought. If the requested accommodation is for an exam or falls within the formal examination periods, you must complete and submit a Religious Accommodation Agreement (PDF) at least three (3) weeks (or 21 days) before the start of the exam period.

Academic Consideration for Missed Course Work

This policy applies to course assessments worth 20% or less of your overall course grade and does not apply to exams held during the final examination period. Students may self-declare two (2) 7-day consideration periods each 12-week term and one (1) 7-day consideration period per six-week term. An Attending Physician's Statement (APS) is not required for these self-declared absences. However, an

instructor may request a signed APS for the final examination period, coursework worth more than 20% of the course grade and missed work outside of the self-declared academic consideration period(s).

Students can submit their self-declaration(s) for academic consideration using eClass. Students are then responsible for contacting the instructor no later than two (2) business days after the end of the consideration period(s) to arrange details of any accommodation for missed coursework. If you do not do this, you may get a zero (0) on the missed work. Where courses have built-in accommodations already established, the instructor may decline providing additional accommodations under this policy. For further details, please review the *Policy on Academic Consideration for Missed Course Work*.

Final Examination Identification Policy

For final exams in this course, you must present a valid York University official photo identification card (YU-card) to verify your identity. Also, you will need to sign the exam's attendance roster. Learn more about preparing for your exams by reviewing York's Policies on *Conduct of Examinations* as well as the Registrar's Office Examination Tip Sheet.

Intellectual Property

Course materials are designed for use as part of this particular course at York University and are the intellectual property of the instructor unless otherwise stated. Third-party copyrighted materials (such as book chapters, journal articles, music, videos, etc.) have either been licensed for use in this course or fall under an exception or limitation in Canadian copyright law. Students may not publish, post on an Internet site, sell, or otherwise distribute any course materials or work without the instructor's express permission. Course materials should only be used by students enrolled in this course.

Copying this material for distribution (e.g., uploading material to a commercial third-party website) may lead to a charge of misconduct according to York's *Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities*, the *Senate Policy on Academic Conduct*, and/or legal consequences for copyright violations.

Student Support and Resources

York University offers a wide range of student supports resources and services, including everything from writing workshops and peer mentorship to wellness support and career guidance. Explore the links below to access these on-campus resources:

- Academic Advising is available to provide students support and guidance in making academic decisions and goals.
- Student Accessibility Services are available for support and accessibility accommodation when required.
- Student Counselling, Health & Wellbeing offers workshops, resources and counselling to support your personal wellness and academic success.
- Peer-Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) Program provides free study sessions where students collaborate and enhance their understanding of course content in select courses.
- Student Numeracy Assistance Centre at Keele (SNACK) supports students in courses involving math, statistics, coding and Excel.

- The Writing Centre provides multiple avenues of writing-based support including dropin sessions, one-to-one appointments, a Multilingual Studio and an Accessibility Specialist.
- Centre for Indigenous Student Services offers a community space with academic, spiritual, cultural and physical support, including writing and learning skills programs.
- ESL Open Learning Centre (OLC) supports students with building proficiency in reading, writing and speaking English.
- Learning Skills Services offers workshops, resources and tips on learning-related topics like time management, note-taking, studying and exam prep.
- Learning Commons links to supports for writing, learning skills, career development, exam preparation and other learning-related resources.
- Roadmap to Student Success is a collection of timely and targeted resources to help students achieve academic, personal and professional success at different stages of their university journey.
- Office of Student Community Relations (OSCR) is responsible for administering the *Code of Student Rights & Responsibilities* and provides critical incident and conflict resolution support.
- Peer Mentorship helps students transition through their first year by connecting them with upper-year students. The mentors can help students find supports and resources. They also lead a community hub on campus.
- goSAFE is staffed by York students and can accompany York community members to and from any on-campus location, such as the Village Shuttle pick-up hub, parking lots, bus stops or residences.

For a full list of academic, wellness and campus resources visit Student Support & Resources.