

SOC 245 CRIMINOLOGY

Syllabus

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CREDIT HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

SOC 201 The Sociological Imagination AND LS 225 Research Skills for the Behavioral Sciences (LS 225 may be a co-requisite)

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Criminology is an introductory course to the study of crime and criminal behavior with special emphasis on theories of crime and delinquency causation, rates and extent of crime, and social control agents (i.e., the police, courts, and “corrections”). Special topics examined may include gangs, white-collar crimes, property crimes, victimless crimes, and organized crime.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The student will:

- analyze the major theoretical explanations for criminal behavior in society.
- describe major trends in crime.
- explain the nature and extent of various crimes in society.
- define vocabulary relevant to the study of crime and delinquency.
- explore the phenomenon of crime.
- define major types of criminal behavior.
- review the functions of police, courts, and corrections within the criminal justice system.
- review and studying some of the contemporary issues and problems confronting criminal justice practitioners.
- consider future directions for dealing with crime.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The requirements of this course include three proctored exams as well as practically applying the text to current day criminological issues. This is done by asking you to find articles about current day crime and applying the text to these articles. All of the requirements put together should give you a broad perspective of the study of criminology.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Required Textbook:

Brown, Esbensen, Geis. *Criminology Explaining Crime and Its Context, fifth edition*. Anderson Publishing. (2004). ISBN: 1-59345-958-0

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

Article Reviews (5)	20 points each	100 points
Proctored Exams (3)	100 points each	<u>300 points</u>
Total Points		400

Scale:

Each assignment and exam is graded on a 100 point scale.

90-100%	A
80-89%	B
70-79%	C
60-69%	D
59% and below	F

Final Course Grade:

360-400	A
320-359	B
280-319	C
240-279	D
239 and below	F