

CJ 262.05 – CRIMINOLOGY
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Required Text:

Siegel, L. (2007). *Criminology: Theories, patterns, and typologies* (9th Ed.). Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth.

Course Description:

This course will examine issues regarding the nature and extent of crime, with particular focus on classical / neoclassical, biological, psychological, and sociological theories of crime causation. It will also examine theories' application to, and policy implications in the address of, various classifications of crime, namely persons, property, drug, and white collar crimes.

Course Objectives: Students will be able to:

- Identify and describe common research methods and sources of data used by criminologists in the study of crime
- Identify and describe various theories of crime causation, including their major principles, critiques/limitations, and policy implications
- Develop critical thinking in regard to the various theories of crime causation
- Discuss theory application to various classifications of crime

Course Requirements and Grading:

Exams: (100 points each for a total of 400 points)

Students will be given four exams (not comprehensive). The tests will be comprised of 45 multiple choice (2 points each) and two short answer (5 points each). **Make-up exams will be given only upon prior approval of the instructor.**

Assignments: (10 points each for a total of 50 points)

Students will be required to complete 5 of 7 assignments. These assignments consist of reading excerpts provided by the instructor which coincide with topics of discussion, and answering the attendant critical thinking questions. Assignments shall be turned in to the instructor the class period following their issuance.

Extra Credit Opportunity: (up to 10 points added to final point total)

Students will be given an opportunity to turn in an extra credit assignment, comprised of a one to two page paper. Details will be discussed in class.

Grade Breakdown

Grade Scale

Test 1	100 points	405-450 points (90-100%) = A
Test 2	100 points	360-404 points (80-89%) = B
Test 3	100 points	315-359 points (70-79%) = C
Test 4	100 points	270-314 points (60-69%) = D
<u>Assignments</u>	<u>50 points</u>	0-269 points = F
Total	450 points	

Attendance and Participation:

Attendance will be recorded each class period. Students are encouraged and expected to be present and participate in all class periods. Each student is allowed a maximum of two class periods absent. **Absences in excess of two class periods will be penalized with a deduction of 5 points per absence.**

Electronic Devices:

There are to be no electronic devices (i.e. cell phones, pagers, etc.) in use during the class period.

University Policies:

Academic Honesty:

Students are expected to conduct themselves in all academic pursuits, both in and out of the classroom, with complete honesty and integrity. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to: cheating, plagiarism, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others on assignments offered for credit), and abuse of resource materials. The disciplinary procedures for academic dishonesty may be found in section 5.3 of the Code of Student Conduct and Discipline, as part of the Student Guidelines, p. 28.

Students with Disabilities:

Students seeking academic accommodations should register with SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) located in the Counseling Center (936-294-3786). Such students are expected to inform me so that appropriate accommodations may be made to facilitate learning.

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days:

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student who is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

Class Schedule

Please note that this schedule is tentative as some topics may require extended discussion.

Date	Topic	Assignments
Thurs. 01/17	Course Introduction Ch. 1 – Crime & Criminology: criminology defined; historical context; the criminological enterprise; perspectives of crime; crime & criminal law; ethics	
Thurs. 01/24	Ch. 2 – The Nature & Extent of Crime: sources of crime data; crime trends / patterns; policy & practice	
Thurs. 01/31	Ch. 3 – Victims & Victimization: effects of, nature of, theories of, response to victimization Test 1 Review	
Thurs. 02/07	Test 1: Chapters 1-3 Ch. 4 – Choice theories: rational choice – theory and application; situational crime prevention; deterrence; incapacitation; just desert	Test 1
Thurs. 02/14	Ch. 4 Continued Ch. 5 – Trait theories: biosocial, psychological trait theories; public policy implications	Assignment 1 due

Thurs. 02/21	Ch. 5 Continued Ch. 6 – Social structure theories: social disorganization, strain, & cultural deviance theories; evaluation; public policy implications	Assignment 2 due
Thurs. 02/28	Ch. 6 Continued Test 2 Review	Assignment 3 due
Thurs. 03/06	Test 2: Chapters 4-6 Ch. 7 – Social process theories: socialization; social learning, social control, & social reaction theories; evaluation; public policy implications	Test 2
Thurs. 03/13	Spring Break – No Class!!!	
Thurs. 03/20	Ch. 7 Continued Ch. 8 – Social conflict theories: Marxist thought; critical criminology; postmodern, peacemaking theories; reintegrative shaming; restorative justice	Assignment 4 due
Thurs. 03/27	Ch. 8 Continued Ch. 9 – Developmental theories: life course, latent trait fundamentals; evaluation; policy implications	Assignment 5 due
Thurs. 04/03	Ch. 9 Continued Ch. 10 – Violent crime: rape; murder; assault; robbery; interpersonal violence; terrorism	
Thurs. 04/10	Ch. 10 Continued Test 3 Review	Assignment 6 due
Thurs. 04/17	Test 3: Chapters 7-10 Ch. 11 – Property crime: larceny/theft; credit card fraud; burglary; arson	Test 3
Thurs. 04/24	Ch. 11 Continued Ch. 12 – Enterprise crime: White-Collar & Organized crime: white-collar crime – components, theories, addressing; organized crime	
Thurs. 05/01	Ch. 12 Continued Ch. 13 – Public order crime: law & morality; prostitution; pornography; substance abuse; policy & practice	Assignment 7 due
Thurs. 05/08	Ch. 14 – Cyber crime & technology: cyber theft, vandalism, terrorism; extent / nature of	Extra Credit due

	cyber crime; controlling cyber crime; policy & practice Test 4 Review	
Thurs. 05/15	Test 4: Chapters 11-14 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Test 4

