

CJ 262.05 – CRIMINOLOGY
Fall, 2007

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Required Text:

Schmallegger, F. (2006). *Criminology today: An integrative introduction* (4th Ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

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.**

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	360-400 points (90-100%) = A
Test 2	100 points	320-359 points (80-89%) = B
Test 3	100 points	280-319 points (70-79%) = C
<u>Test 4</u>	<u>100 points</u>	240-279 points (60-69%) = D
Total	400 points	0-239 points = F

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. 08/23	Course Introduction Ch. 1 – What is Criminology: crime and deviance; criminology and social policy; social context of crime	
Thurs. 08/30	Ch. 2 – Patterns of Crime: history of crime statistics; UCR; NIBRS; NCVS; crime in world context; statistics on Part I and Part II offenses	
Thurs. 09/06	Ch. 3 – Research Methods and Theory Development: theory building; the role of research; research designs, data collection techniques, & analysis; research ethics Ch. 4 – Classical and Neoclassical Thought: major principles; forerunners of classical thought; the classical school	
Thurs. 09/13	Ch. 4 con't.: neoclassical criminology; punishment and neoclassical thought; policy implications Test 1 Review	
Thurs. 09/20	Test 1: Chapters 1-4 Ch. 5 – Biological Roots of Criminal Behavior: biological roots of human aggression; genetics and crime; sociobiology; crime and human nature; policy implications	Test 1
Thurs. 09/27	Ch. 6 – Psychological and Psychiatric Foundations of Criminal Behavior: early psychological theories; criminal behavior as maladaptation	
Thurs. 10/04	Ch. 7 – Sociological Theories I: Social Structure: social disorganization theory; strain theory; culture conflict theory; policy implications	
Thurs. 10/11	Ch 8 – Sociological Theories II: Social Process and Social Development: social process theories; social development theories; Test 2 Review	
Date	Topic	Assignments

Thurs. 10/18	Test 2: Chapters 5-7 Ch. 9 – Sociological Theories III: Social Conflict: law and social order perspectives; radical criminology; conflict theories; policy implications	Test 2
Thurs. 10/25	Ch 10 – Crimes against Persons: violent crime typologies; homicide; rape; robbery; assault; workplace violence; stalking; terrorism	
Thurs. 11/01	Ch. 11 – Crimes against Property: criminal careers of property offenders; larceny-theft; burglary; stolen property; arson	
Thurs. 11/08	Ch. 12 – White-Collar and Organized Crime: white-collar crime (causes); corporate crime; organized crime (history, activities); policy issues Test 3 Review	
Thurs. 11/15	Test 3: Chapters 8-11	Test 3
Thurs. 11/22	No Class – Thanksgiving Holidays	
Thurs. 11/29	Ch. 13 – Drug Abuse & Crime: history of drug abuse; types of illegal drugs; drug trafficking; drugs & crime; social policy issues	
Thurs. 12/06	Ch. 14 – Technology & Crime: high technology & criminal opportunity; computer crime Test 4 Review	
Thurs. 12/13	Test 4: Chapters 12-14 8:00p.m. – 10:p.m.	Test 4

