

CJ 262
Criminology
Fall 2007

Tu, Th 9:30-10:50
Beto CJ Center A190

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Course Description

Catalogue: Crime as a form of deviant behavior; nature and extent of crime; past and present theories; evaluation of prevention, control and treatment programs.

Objectives: This class will present a general overview of the field of criminology. The primary emphasis will be on crime in the United States, but we will make a concerted effort to compare crime in the U.S. to other societies.

Required Readings

Schmallegger, Frank. 2006. *Criminology Toda: An Integrative Introduction, fourth edition.*
Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall.

Additional readings may be placed on reserve or distributed in class.

Grading

Four quizzes worth 25 points each	100 Points
Two examinations	200 Points
Final Examination	<u>100 Points</u>
Total	400 Points

Grade Distribution

360-400 Points	A
320-359 Points	B
280-319 Points	C
240-279 Points	D
0-239 Points	F

Make-up Examinations

All requests for make-up examinations must be documented and made in advance. All make-up examinations are in the form of **mandatory essays**.

Academic Honesty

The Faculty of the College of Criminal Justice expects students to conduct their academic work with integrity and honesty. Acts of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and can result in the failure of a course and dismissal from the University.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, collusion, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit, the abuse of resource materials, and misrepresentation of credentials or accomplishments as a member of the college.

The University's policy on academic honesty and appeal procedures can be found in the manual, entitled, *Student Guidelines*, distributed by the Division of Student Services (Reference Section 5.3 of the guidelines—my translation of the material: you cheat, you flunk).

Attendance

Random checks at the discretion of the professor.

Disabled Student Policy

Students with a disability which affects their academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. The physically impaired may contact the Director of the Counseling Center as chair of the Committee for Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students by telephone (ext. 4-1720).

Student Absences on Religious Holy Days

Consistent with the Texas Education Code and SHSU University Policy 861001, students who desire to be absent from a scheduled class in order to observe a religious holy day shall present the professor with a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). I will then notify the students of a reasonable time frame in which the missed assignments are to be completed.

Tobacco Products

There will be no use of tobacco products allowed in the classroom at any time. Violators of this policy will be warned one time; the second instance of use will result in dismissal from the class.

Electronic Devices in the Class Room

Students are free to record class lectures and/or discussions with the understanding that no copies of these lectures and/or transcripts made from these recordings are sold or otherwise distributed for use by others. Please make sure to set any electronic communication devices to "silent mode" during class sessions.

Annotated Outline of Topics

<i>Week</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading</i>
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Part 1 of the course deals with the nature of the field of criminology, patterns of crime and we acquire an understanding of crime and criminology.

8/21	Introduction/Orientation	
8/28	What is Criminology?	Chapter 1
9/4	Patterns of Crime	Chapter 2
9/11	Research Methods	Chapter 3

Part 2 of the course deals with traditional explanations of crime. Such explanations range from Bentham and Beccaria to more modern psychiatric theorists.

9/18	Classical and Neoclassical Theory	Chapter 4
9/25	Biological Theories	Chapter 5
10/2	First Examination Psychological and Psychiatric Theories	Chapter 6

Part 3 deals with sociological explanations of crime.

10/9	Social Structure Theories	Chapter 7
10/16	Social Process Theories	Chapter 8
10/23	Social Conflict Theories	Chapter 9

Part 4 of the course looks at the various manifestations and types of crimes in the modern world.

10/30	Second Examination Crimes against Persons	Chapter 10
11/6	Crimes against Property	Chapter 11
11/13	White Collar and Organized Crime	Chapter 12
11/20	Technology and Crime	Chapter 14
11/27	Drug Abuse and Crime	Chapter 13
12/ 4	Social Policy and the Future	Chapter 15/16

12/11

Tuesday: Final Examination
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.