

Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department : Law Enforcement
Course Title : Criminology
Section Name : CJSA 1325_12
Start Date : August 22, 2011
End Date : December 9, 2011
Modality : Face to Face
Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

Current theories and empirical research pertaining to crime and criminal behaviour and its causes, methods, of prevention, systems of punishments, and rehabilitation.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

none

Scans

SCANS 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

Course Objectives

1. The student will identify and describe the various theories of causation of criminal behaviour.
2. The student will identify and appraise the avenues of the prevention of crime.
3. The student will identify and describe the various research methods used in criminal research.
4. The student will identify and describe the categories and sources of criminological data utilized in interpreting crime trends.

Course Participation:

You are expected to read any assigned materials, show up for class and be prepared to openly discuss the information.

Academic Honesty:

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion. Cheating on a test shall include: Coping from another student's test paper, Using test materials not authorized by a person administering the test or the test administrator, Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during the test without permission from the administrator. Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an un-administered test. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the test shall be dishonest. Substituting for another

student, or permitting another student to substitute for ones self, to take a test. Bribing another person to obtain an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test means another's work and the acknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's written work. "Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any written work for fulfilment of course requirements. Reference: Odessa College Student Handbook Student Rights and responsibilities 2007- 2009. "Collusion" Shall be defines as the unauthorized collaboration with another person preparing.

Required Readings/Materials

a) You must purchase the following **required** readings/materials:

Title: *Criminology Today an Integrative Introduction*

Edition: Sixth

Author: Schmalleger, Frank

ISBN# 978-0-13-707485-3

Looseleaf ISBN# 978-0-13-270583-7

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

If you want to make sure you are not plagiarizing information you are using as your own, you may want to run it through <http://www.duplichecker.com/> . As you move forward in your education this is a valuable resource. There are others out there, but this is the one has been very useful.

Item(Name)	Type	Description
Chapter 1	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 2	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 3	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Unit 1 (Chapters 1-3)		- Unit 1 Review
Chapter 4	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 5	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 6	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 7	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 8	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 9	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 10	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 11	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
Chapter 12	<i>Discussion/Research</i>	Weekly Discussion
		Final Exam

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students' and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).

GRADING

Attendance	25 points
Paper	25 points
Midterm	25 points
Final	25 points
Total	100 points

100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
59 – 0	F