

CRIJ 2362.04
Criminology
Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Sam Houston State University
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I. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Walsh, A., & Hemmens, C. (2013). *Introduction to Criminology*. Sage. 3rd Edition

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the study of crime, criminal behavior, and theories of crime. Also, students will gain a better understanding of a wide variation of criminal activity such as crimes against people, crimes against property, white collar crime, organized crime, and non-organized/street gangs. Further, students will be exposed to the scientific method and learn how to distinguish between primary and secondary sources of information. In the same vein, students will apply aspects of the scientific method to current events relative to criminology.

III. COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Define terms related to the study of crime
2. Examine research and data collection methods used in criminology
3. Examine theories and principles of criminology
4. Distinguish between various types of crimes
5. Analyze the relationship between behavior and crime

IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1) Five in Class Assignments/Discussions: 10 points each

Students will be asked to either participate in group or individual work. For any group work students will work in assigned groups of 3 to 5 individuals and complete a group assignment made up of questions and/or one discussion topic. Here you will be asked to divide the work for each assignment among yourselves and contribute substantially to the discussion. Instructions

will be discussed during class. Students will be warned two class meeting periods before any graded group work is assigned to ensure that everyone is present in class to receive credit. If you are not present you don't get any credit. Discussion topics will be provided. Further, these questions and discussions will aid you in studying for your exam.

2) Five Online Quizzes: 10 points each

Five online quizzes will be due throughout the semester and completed as individuals (No group work here). Quizzes will be timed and cannot be made up after the due date. Quizzes will not remain open during the entire semester but will only be available during specific dates (Normally about a week). The quizzes are a great tool to study for the exam, hence the quiz due dates are the class period before the tests dates.

3) Three Exams and One Final: 100 points each

Exams will be comprised of around 50 questions varying between multiple choice, true and false, matching, fill in the blank, and essay questions. Make-up exams will not be the same format as in class exams and will be comprised of short answer essay questions and fill in the blank questions with no word bank. This is not to punish anyone who needs a make-up exam the test are only formatted this way to reduce question/answer sharing. Further, make-up exams will only be given if I am contacted before the exam is missed or for legitimate reasons with associated documentation. Hence, if you know something is going to come up you have to let me know before you miss a test and have some documentation to prove it.

Further all review sessions will be held in class as a question answer forum between myself and the student and no review sheets will be provided.

There are no extra credit opportunities (unless announced for the entire class) in this course. Regardless of circumstances and or how many points are needed to go up a letter grade..

V. COURSE GRADING

Final course grades are calculated based on total points earned across all assignments outlined above:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89.9%

C = 70-79.9%

D = 60-69.9%

F = 59.9% and below

Example: an 89.9 is a B where as a 90.0 is an A. This rule will not be bent as the cutoff has been explained upfront.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Course Work	Points	Total Points
Assignments/Discussion	10	50
Quizzes	10	50
Exams	100	400
Total Points	-	500

500-450 = A

449-400 = B

399-350 = C

349-300 = D

299-000 = F

VI. TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Planned Material	Readings
Aug 23	Syllabus, Plagiarism, How to Email, and Class Expectations.	Syllabus
Aug 25	An Overview of Crime and Criminology	Pages 1-16
Aug 28	Measuring Crime and Criminal Behavior	Pages 33-46
Aug 30	The Gender Gap in Crime, Self-Reported Crime, and Race and Probability of Arrest	Pages 49-65
Sept 1	Exploring the Experience of the Victim Victim-Offender Overlap Syllabus Quiz Due.	Pages 73-84
Sept 4	<u>LABOR DAY NO CLASS</u>	Pages 87-94
Sept 6	Early Schools of Criminology	Pages 115-128.
Sept 8	Early Schools Continued and Discussed	Pages 131-134
Sept 11	Social Structure Theories	Pages 141-153
Sept 13	Gangs Today. Deadline for Assignment/Discussion 1.	Pages 155-156 & Online Supplemental Reading 1
Sept 15	Community Correlates, Anomie, and Social Change	Pages 161-175
Sept 18	Comparing Classical Theory and Social Theory in the context of Crime. Review for Exam 1. Deadline for Quiz 1.	
Sept 20	Exam 1.	
Sept 22	Social Process Theories	Pages 185-195
Sept 25	Social Process Theories Continued	Pages 195-201
Sept 27	Critical Theories	Pages 223-231
Sept 29	Critical Theories Continued	Pages 233-240
Oct 2	Individual Traits and Criminal Behavior	Pages 259-267

Oct 4	Individual Traits and Criminal Behavior	Pages 268-274 & 276-284
Oct 6	Biosocial Criminology	Pages 295-298 & Online Supplemental Reading 2
Oct 9	Biosocial Criminology Continued and Meshed with Previously Discussed Theories	Pages 305-310 & 313-330
Oct 11	Developmental Theories and Review For Exam 2, and Deadline for Quiz 2.	Pages 350-353 & 354-361
Oct 13	Exam 2.	
Oct 16		
Oct 18	Violent Crimes	Pages 373-384
Oct 20	Violent Crimes Continued	Pages 385-389 & 390-399
Oct 23	Multiple Murders and Terrorism	Pages 411-422.
Oct 25	Multiple Murders and Terrorism Continued. Serial Killing and the Media.	Pages 422-426 & 427-436
Oct 27	Property Crime	Pages 447-456
Oct 30	Property Crime Continued	Pages 457-461 & 463-472
Nov 1	Public Order Crime	Pages 483-487 & 499
Nov 3	Public Order Crime Continued	Pages 489 – 495 & 504
Nov 6	White Collar and Organized Crime	Pages 513-518 & 531-535
Nov 8	Review for Exam 3 and Quiz 3 is Due.	No assigned Readings
Nov 10	Exam 3.	
Nov 13	Primary, Secondary, and Unreliable Sources: The Intersection of Fiction and Crime Human and Perception and Natural Frequencies	TBA/Chosen sections of the textbook
Nov 15	Special Guest Lecturer	TBA
Nov 17	Special Guest Lecturer	TBA
Nov 20	Distance Learning Quiz 4 is Due.	TBA
Nov 22	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
Nov 24	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	
Nov 27	Terrorism Basics and Current Events	TBA
Nov 29	Making Sense of All the Madness: Theory and Crime	No Assigned Readings
Dec 1	Finishing up and Review	No Assigned Readings

Dec 4	<u>Final Exam: 10:30am-12:30am</u> <u>Have a Great Christmas Break</u>	No Assigned Readings
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VII. ATTENDANCE POLICY AND MAKE-UP EXAMS

Attendance is required and will directly influence your success in my class and attendance will be taken during each class meeting. Also students are expected to be up to date and understand SHSU policies concerning attendance provided in the following link:

(<http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/2401862f-7847-47e3-89a9-77ba7231c811.pdf>).

Make-up exams will only be given to students who notify me at least 2 classes before the exam (that is 3 days) and documentation is required, or students with a legitimate reason for missing the test with documentation. There is no make-up for in-class discussions or missed quizzes. Finally, all other assignments, discussions, and quizzes are submitted online with enough time to complete each assignment by the due date. The deadline for all online material is final and no make-ups will be allowed.

VIII. 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, etc. See: http://www.shsu.edu/chm_tgc/BbAIF/syllabusupport.pdf

Any violation of these regulations will be dealt with in accordance to the severity of the misconduct. If there are *any* doubts concerning what constitutes a violation, please ask me.

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be punished to the fullest extent possible.

IX. DISABLED STUDENT POLICY AND SERVICES FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individuals shall, solely by reason of their disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic program or activity. According to the *Academic Policy Statement 811006-Students with Disabilities*, faculty members are obligated to make every reasonable effort to facilitate the accommodations individuals on the Classroom Accommodation Request Forms (CARF's) issued by the Services for Students with disabilities (SSD). 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. 1720). The University's information on services available for disabled students may be found at: <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/187f9029-a4c6-4fb4-aea9-2d501f2a60f3.pdf>

Please meet with me if you have need for accommodations based on a disability. I will be happy to work with you to make any necessary arrangements.

X. STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAY POLICY

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 whose absence 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. "Religious holy day" means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20, United States Tax Code. See: <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/0953c7d0-7c04-4b29-a3fc-3bf0738e87d8.pdf> .

XI. USE OF TELEPHONES AND TEXTING IN CLASS

Electronic device usage of any kind is not allowed in the classroom. Usage of any kind will not be permitted and will be cause for dismissal from class. This means no laptops, phone use, and/or no texting during class time unless otherwise discussed by Mr. Lewis and yourself. See: <http://www.shsu.edu/dotAsset/6d35c9c9-e3e9-4695-a1a1-11951b88bc63.pdf>

XII. DISCLAIMER

The class schedule in this syllabus is subject to change. Announcements of any changes to the schedule will be made in class, via email, and/or posted in Blackboard. These announcements are considered proper notice of change.

XIII. CLASSROOM CONDUCT

Students are expected to treat myself and each other with respect. I reserve the right to ask a student to leave if they are not being respectful or being disruptive. Everyone in class is expected to act like an adult and a professional. Any questions concerning what kind of behavior is expected please contact me.

XIV. STUDENT ACADEMIC POLICIES

The below link will allow students to access all of the information concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy Days: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

ADDITIONAL READINGS

*TBA-These will be sections of scientific articles or current events assigned based on the topic.

This syllabus can change throughout the semester as needed and is tentative.