

**Department of Criminal Justice and
Criminology
Sam Houston State University
Course Syllabus
CRIJ 3396-04
Juvenile Delinquency & Juvenile Justice
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Credit Hours: 3

Classroom: Online

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Course Description

This is an introductory course on juvenile delinquency in the criminal justice system and the broader society. This course is thus designed to familiarize students with the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, and different types of explanation for delinquent behavior. An examination of important issues and topics will be included such as the relationship between delinquency and gender, problems in the family, peer and gang delinquency, drug abuse. Moreover, the course will provide an overview of the juvenile justice process, police-juvenile relations, the juvenile court and juvenile corrections.

Course Objectives

- Gain factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends) of juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice.
- Learn fundamental principles and theories of juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice.
- Learn to apply course material to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions in the area of juvenile justice.

Course Format

This online course will be delivered via an education software called Blackboard. It is important that the students have a computer/laptop and internet connection that work properly. For the technical requirements and the specifics about how to get started in the online class, please refer to the website “*Online Student Orientation*” at <http://distance.shsu.edu/current-students/orientation.html>

The class material will be presented by using the pre-recorded audio-lectures along with the PowerPoint slides posted online. The length of audio-lectures varies depending on the complexity of the chapter content. Students are expected to listen to these lectures in each Session. Students are also expected to read the assigned readings, complete the assignments, and take the exams.

When you have questions about the course content, feel free to email the instructor. In addition, On-line Discussion Board is set up for each session to build a vibrant learning community and to promote class interactions. Students' participation in class discussion is voluntary and will NOT be graded.

Students will be informed of the class updates, changes and new developments by means of mass emails and class announcements. It is important for the students to check the SHSU email accounts for the class updates on a frequent basis.

Required Textbook

Bartollas, Clemens & Schmallegger, Frank. (2013). *Juvenile Delinquency*. 9th edition. Boston: Prentice Hall.
ISBN-10: 0132987317; ISBN-13: 978-0132987318

Technical Support

For questions about Blackboard or technical issues with videos, assignments, or tests, please contact SHSU Online Support Desk:

Technology Call Center:

Phone: (936) 294-2780

Toll Free: (877) 759-2232

E-mail: blackboard@shsu.edu

Dedicated personnel available:

Monday - Saturday

7:00 am – Midnight CST

Chat with the Support Desk:

Monday - Friday, 7am - 6pm CST

For questions about your email account, or password assistance, please refer to the IT@Sam Help Desk:

Phone: (936) 294-1950

Email: helpdesk@shsu.edu

Monday-Thursday: 7:30am - 9pm CST

Friday: 7:30am - 6pm CST

Grading Policy

Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
Exam 3	100 points
Homework Assignments	135 points
Total	435 points

Final grades are determined by the number of **POINTS** that are earned throughout the semester.

A= 391.5-435 points

B= 348-391 points

C= 304.5-347 points

D= 261-304 points

F= 0-260 points

1). Exams

There will be **THREE** noncumulative exams including the final. Exams are open book, open notes. Each exam consists of 50 multiple choice questions (**2** points each). All exams are time-limited. Students will have 60 minutes for the first two exams and 120 minutes for the final exam. Specific dates and times for exams are listed in Class Schedule on Pages 6-8. Before each exam, students will be provided with the detailed instructions on how to prepare for and take the online exam.

Exams must be completed and submitted on the due dates (or the amended due dates if later clarified by the instructor). If an unavoidable conflict with one of the dates exists (e.g., medical situation, job interview, family-related emergency), please contact the instructor before the test is administered. Failure to take an exam on the scheduled dates without making prior arrangements, will result in a **ZERO** on that particular exercise. Giving a deadline extension is at instructor's discretion with **VALID** excuse provided by students. The excuse must be written and appropriately documented.

2). Homework Assignments

There will be **TEN** homework assignments over the course of the semester. Assignments are worth **15** points each. Of the 10 homework assignments, your lowest score will be dropped at the end of the semester, meaning only **NINE** will count toward your final grade. The homework assignments are designed to enhance students' understanding of the course content and to measure your ability to apply this understanding to real-world problems. Each student is expected to turn in his/her work on individual assignments.

TWO important issues related to homework assignments are discussed and listed below:

A) Homework Assignment Submission:

The due time and days of your homework assignments are always by 11:59pm (CST) on Saturdays. Please refer to Class Schedule on Pages 6-7 for the specific due date for each assignment. It is suggested that you submit your work at least one hour prior to the deadline in case tech problem occurs at the time of your submission. Late submission will **NOT** be accepted except in an emergency. If a genuine emergency exists, please inform the instructor by email immediately. The situation related to the emergency must be written and appropriately documented. Giving a deadline extension is at instructor's discretion with valid excuse provided by students.

In case you encounter a tech problem that precludes you from submitting your work, do the

following two things:

First, take a photo of your computer screen that shows the error message. Write an email and attach the photo of the error message to the instructor immediately.

Second, call the SHSU Online Support Desk immediately and carefully document the information about the call (e.g., the specific time the call is made, the name of the technician you speak to, the type of tech problem you are told, the length of your call). So the instructor can verify the information with the technician(s) in order to consider a proper solution for the situation if the tech problem is not solved.

Please be noted that this 2-step strategy described above is also applied to the tech-problem situations in the exams.

Homework must be submitted online. The steps to submit the assignments online are as follows:

1. Go to Assignment in each session
2. Go to Assignment Materials
3. Browse your computer and locate the MS or PDF file that contains your completed assignment
4. Attach the MS or PDF file that contains your completed assignment
5. Click the button "Submit"

B) Be aware of the service hours by the SHSU Online Support Desk.

The service hours of the SHSU Online Support Desk are listed on page 2. If you choose to watch the videos or do your homework assignments outside of the hours of their service, you will be responsible for any consequence caused by the potential tech problem of your computer/laptop or internet. It is highly recommended to work on the course within the service hours of the Support Desk, so you can receive the tech support right away if needed.

Reading Assignments

You are expected to read each assigned reading in the Reading Assignments list. Reading the assignments will better prepare you for the lectures.

STUDENT ACADEMIC POLICIES concerning Attendance, Academic Honesty, Disabled Student and Services for Disabled Students, and Absences on Religious Holy days may be found at:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-students.html>

USE OF TELEPHONES AND TEXT MESSAGES IN ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/aps/aps-curriculum.html>

Withdrawals

Students wishing to withdraw are cautioned to follow formal procedures outlined by the University. Consult the Sam Houston State University Undergraduate Catalog, 2014-16 at <http://undergraduate-catalog-2014-2016.shsu.edu/home/tuition-and-fees.html#refund> for official policies under “tuition and fees refund policy” and “dropping courses.”

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE*

<u>Session</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic & Reading Assignments</u>
1	1/17-1/20	Course Introduction (Watch “Intro to Course” video) Review the Course Syllabus Student Introductions Due Saturday 1/20 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
2	1/21-1/27	Chapter 1 Adolescence & Delinquency Assignment 1 due Saturday, 1/27 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
3	1/28-2/3	Chapter 2 Measurement & Nature of Delinquency Assignment 2 due Saturday, 2/3 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
4	2/4-2/10	Chapter 3 Individual Causes of Delinquency Assignment 3 due Saturday, 2/10 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
5	2/11-2/17	Chapter 4 Social Structural Causes of Delinquency
6	2/18-2/24	Chapter 5 Social Process Theories of Delinquency Prepare for Exam 1 (Review audio-Lectures & PPT Slides) Sample Questions Question & Answer at Virtual Office or by email Exam # 1 on 2/22-2/24 (Thursday-Saturday), due Saturday, 2/24 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
7	2/25-3/3	Chapter 6 Social Interactionist Theories of Delinquency Assignment 4 due Saturday, 3/3 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
8	3/4-3/10	Chapter 7 Gender & Delinquency Assignment 5 due Saturday, 3/10 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
9	3/18-3/24	Chapter 8 Families & Delinquency Assignment 6 due Saturday, 3/24 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
10	3/25-3/31	Chapter 9 Schools & Delinquency Assignment 7 due Saturday, 3/31 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
11	4/1-4/7	Chapter 10 Gangs & Delinquency Prepare for Exam 2 (Review audio-Lectures & PPT Slides) Question & Answer at Virtual Office or by email Exam 2 on 4/5-4/7 (Thursday- Saturday), due Saturday, 4/7 by 11:59pm (Central Time)

12	4/8-4/14	Chapter 11 Drugs & Delinquency Chapter 12 Juvenile Justice Process Assignment 8 due Saturday, 4/14 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
13	4/15-4/21	Chapter 13 Police & the Juvenile Chapter 14 Juvenile Court Assignment 9 due Saturday, 4/21 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
14	4/22-4/28	Chapter 15 Juvenile Corrections Assignment 10 due Saturday, 4/28 by 11:59pm (Central Time)
15	5/8-5/11	Final Exam on 5/7-5/9 (Monday-Wednesday), due Wednesday, 5/9 by 11:59pm (Central Time)

*** Schedule is subject to change as necessary. It is the responsibility of the students to remain informed of any changes.**