



School of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Virtual Campus – Summer 2009

May 26 – August 8

*Mission: Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning and service to God and humankind.*

**COURSE NAME: JUAD 3313VC01: MURDER: AN ANALYTICAL STUDY**

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Tuesday: 7-8pm

**CLASS MEETING TIMES: ONLINE**

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:** Theories, causes, characteristics, and types of murder and murderers; the effect of murder on our society and the response of society; and case studies.

**PREREQUISITES:** This is an upper-division course, consequently, students are expected to conduct their attendance, study habits, in-class behaviors, and class preparations according to adult, Christian standards.

**TEXTBOOK:** Holmes, Ronald M; Murder in America 2nd Ed Sage Publishing; ISBN: 978-0-7619-2092-2

**PURPOSE OF THE COURSE:** To afford the student an opportunity to become familiar with the causes and types of behavior that compels an individual to intentionally take another person's life.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, each student should be able to:

Identify the definition of the different degrees of murder.

Demonstrate the ability to identify and define serial murder and mass murder and the differences between the two.

Explain the behavior that leads children to become juvenile killers.

State the definition and thought patterns behind the "intimate" or "partner" killer.

Demonstrate the ability to discuss parental homicide and why it occurs.

Discuss Sexual related homicide and murder in the workplace.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION:** This is an online course. Student participation is what makes an online course successful. In order to get the maximum participation points you must respond to the Weekly DQ yourself and comment on at least 1 of your classmates postings. No late postings will be accepted whatsoever. Your posting is due by Wed at midnight of each week. Your posting to your classmates are due by Sunday at midnight. Again...NO LATE POSTINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**SERVICE FOR THE DISABLED:** It is University policy that no otherwise qualified disabled person be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the University. Students should inform the instructor of existing disabilities at the first class meeting.

**TERM PAPER:** A term paper for this course is a requirement. The paper should follow the APA format in construction; a minimum of 1400 words and a maximum of 1600 words. A minimum of 3 citations are required (it cannot include the course text). Citings may be websites. It shall be typed, double-spaced, with attention to wording, spelling, construction, etc. I will email everyone a copy of a properly formatted APA paper to use as a go by. You must have a topic submitted to me via the preferred email address above by the end of Week 2.

**EXAMINATIONS:** There will be a mid-term and final written examination. You will take the exams in the virtual classroom. Each will consist of the materials covered prior to each exam. The final examination will be comprehensive it will consist of the materials learned throughout the course. Each exam may consist of multiple choice, true/false, fill-in, and short essay.

**GRADING POLICY:** Each assignment and participation carries a cumulative weight toward the final grade. Each point is cumulative toward the final grade. There are no pluses (+) or minuses (-) on a grade.

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| WEEKLY DQ PART | 100 |
| MID-TERM EXAM  | 300 |
| FINAL EXAM     | 400 |
| TERM PAPER     | 200 |

TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE = 1000 POINTS

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY:** There is **ZERO TOLERANCE** by this professor regarding any student employing plagiarism (see definition below), or copying from another students paper.

**ALL EXAMS ARE OPEN BOOK EXAMS:** You will have the following times to take the exams.

MIDTERM: 30 QUESTIONS: 45 MINS  
FINAL: 40 QUESTIONS: 55 MINS

**MAKE-UP POLICY FOR MISSED WORK:** There is no make-up allowed on exams. Also, NO LATE DQ WILL BE ACCEPTED. (SEE ABOVE DUE DATES ON DQ'S)

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE SUNDAY NIGHT AT MIDNIGHT OF THAT WEEK. MIDTERM AND FINAL WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

WEEK 1: CHAPTER 1

WEEK 2: CHAPTER 2

WEEK 3: CHAPTER 3

WEEK 4: CHAPTER 4

WEEK 5: NO CHAPTER COVERED – MIDTERM EXAM

WEEK 6: CHAPTER 5

WEEK 7: CHAPTER 6

WEEK 8: CHAPTER 7

WEEK 9: CHAPTER 8

WEEK 10: CHAPTER 9

WEEK 11: NO CHAPTER COVERED – FINAL EXAM (CHAPTERS 1-9)

Good Luck and let's have some fun!

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