



Virtual Campus

Criminology (JUAD/SOCI 3310)

COURSE SYLLABUS¹

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TEXTBOOK: *Introduction to CRIMINOLOGY*, by Roberson and Wallace, (1998, Thompson-Wadsworth), ISBN 0942728823

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A survey of the theories, causes, characteristics, types of crime and social functions of crime in our society.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: Students will be able to understand and explain the theories, causes characteristics, types of crimes and social functions of crime in our society.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

<u>Subject of Evaluation</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1. Discussion Board ³	100	25%	A	90 – 100
2. Homework ⁴	100	25%	B	80 - 89
3. Quizzes ⁵	100	25%	C	70 - 79
4. <u>Final Exam⁶</u>	100	<u>25%</u>	D	60 – 69
Total	400	100%	F	Below 60
			I	Incomplete ⁷

ACADEMIC HONESTY: University students are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work.) See the current catalog for sanctions.

SERVICES 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. See current catalog.

¹ The Instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as may be needed from time to time.

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³ There are two parts to the Discussion Board Assignment in each of the first four modules: (a) "criminal law" **Current Event** (CE) and (b) enter into and engage in discussion by posting one substantive **Reply** comment to a classmate's current event.

⁴ There are 10 Homework Exercises (HEs 1 through 10) each with five questions spread throughout the Modules in the course. The HEs will be placed in the homework area for student to download and answer as a word document. Each question is worth 2 points and each HE is worth 10 points for a total of 100 points for the course. The answered HEs are to be placed by the students in the instructor's digital dropbox for instructor's review and grading.

⁵ There are a total of five quizzes worth 20 points each (for a total of 100 points). The student is to complete each module quiz during and before the end of each module. The quizzes are composed of ten objective multiple-choice questions.

⁶ Final exam - will be given in and completed by the end of Module 5 This exam is composed of objective multiple questions.

⁷ An incomplete will be given to a student who is passing, but has not completed some required work for reasons beyond the student's control

COURSE SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE:

Aug 18 – Sep 7

Module One

1. **Reading:** Chapter 1 - Definition of Crime, Chapter 2 – Measuring Crime, Chapter 3 – The Classical Approach and Chapter 4 Positivist and Biological Approaches.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and “Reply” on the Module 1 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module1 complete the quiz composed of 10 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Sep 8 – Sep 21

Module Two

1. **Reading:** Chapter 5, The Sociological Approach, Chapter 6 – Psychological & Psychiatric Approaches, and Chapter 7 – The Conflict/Critical Approach.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and “Reply” on the Module 2 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 2 complete the Module 2 quiz composed of 10 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 5, 6 and 7.

Sep 22 – Oct 5

Module Three

1. **Reading:** Chapter 8, Crimes Against Persons, Chapter 9 – Crimes Against Property, and Chapter 10 – Special Crimes.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and “Reply” on the Module 3 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 3 complete the Module 3 quiz composed of 10 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 8, 9 and 10.

Oct 6 – Oct 19

Module Four

1. **Reading:** Chapter 11, Punishment, Chapter 12 – Victimology, and Chapter 13 – Law Enforcement.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** Post Current event (CE) and “Reply” on the Module 4 Discussion Board.
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 4 complete the Module 4 quiz composed of 10 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 11, 12 and 13.

Oct 20 – Nov 1

Module Five

1. **Reading:** Chapter 14, The Court System, Chapter 15 – Sentencing & Corrections, and Chapter 16 – The Juvenile Justice System.
2. **Homework:** Answer the homework questions and post answers in Dropbox.
3. **Discussion:** None
4. **Quiz:** Before the end of Module 5 complete the Module 5 quiz composed of 10 objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 14, 15 and 16.
5. **Final Exam:** Before the end of Module 5 complete the Course Final Exam composed of objective-type questions taken from the material in Chapters 1 through 16.