

SYLLABUS: CJ 20150: Foundations in Criminology

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of criminology. Theories and concepts learned in this course can be applied in other criminal justice and related fields.

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Time and Place: Thursdays, 1730-2140, Barbers Point

Text: Criminology (third edition) by Adler, Mueller and Laufer.

Classroom assignments and attendance: Classroom attendance is mandatory. Only one absence can be allowed. Work in the classroom can't be made up as some is based on group activity and some on videos or guest speakers.

A test will be given every week starting with the second class based on the reading and lecture from the prior week. These will consist of a set of objective questions. The combined average produces the bulk of your final grade. The lowest grade on the tests will be dropped from the calculation.

Any in-class work will be used to consider moving a person up one grade level if their grade is a borderline case. There is no curve. There is no extra credit beyond the classroom work.

Grades: A = 90-100 B = 80-89 C = 70-79 D = 60-69

Research Assignment

This is a survey course. It's not designed to dwell on any one aspect of crime or criminal justice. Since some students have definite interests or work goals, the class includes a component for deeper exploration of a particular issue through the analysis of a journal article. More on that later in class.

Course Schedule

April

8:	Chapters 1, 2	Overview and data measurement
15:	Chapters 3, 4	Theories, Bio-Psych theories
22:	Chapters 5, 6	Strain, Cultural Deviance, Etc.
29:	Chapter 7	Social Control
6:	Chapter 9	Alternative Theories
13:	Chapters 8,10	Concepts of crime/New developments
20:	Chapter 11, 12	Violent crime/Property Crime
27:	Chapter 13	Organizational crime

June

3:	Chapter 14	Victimless crime
10:		Final Exam