

CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY OF HONOLULU
Criminal Justice 201 - Foundation in Criminology
Summer Semester 1999
Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the American criminal justice system, the social systems in which criminal deviance occurs, and the theoretical perspectives developed to explain and predict the causes of crime. It will focus on major criminal justice actors, institutions, practices, and problems. In conjunction with assessing the major components of the system to include its functions, students will examine the nature and types of crime, offenders, and victims. The course is designed to stimulate students' understanding regarding the interconnectedness of crime, criminals, the criminal justice system, and criminological theory.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, the student will have knowledge of and able to:

- the history of criminological thought and the major schools;
- the major components and functions of the criminal justice system;
- assess the role of the criminal justice system and its impact on society;
- critically evaluate crime causation and the relevance of existing theory;
- pursue topics of their own interests and career opportunities within the criminal justice and criminological occupations.

Required Textbook & Additional Course Materials

Adler, F., G. Mueller, and W. Laufer (1997). *Criminology*, 3^d ed. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Course Requirements

Attendance/Participation: Attendance and class participation are expected and necessary requirements of this course. Each student is expected to read and offer critical evaluations of such readings. In the case of attendance, advanced notification is always best. In the event of an unforeseen emergency advise the instructor as soon as possible. However, legitimate documentation acceptable to the dean will be required prior to awarding any excuses. Missing class is not an excuse for not completing reading assignments or other projects. Exams will be

rescheduled at the instructor's discretion. Failure to adhere to these requirements will adversely impact the student's final grade.

Reading Assignments:

Students are ~~expected~~ to complete reading assignments prior to class. Active student participation in class lectures will evidence each student's completion of assigned readings.

Current Events Journal:

Each week students are required to collect one crime and/or criminal justice related article. In our effort to develop an understanding of the interrelationship of crime and theory, students are asked to (1) briefly record the main points discussed in the article and (2) the article's relationship to on-going class discussions. Journal entries and articles will be collected for grade during the eighth week of class.

Examinations:

All exams will be administered during the first section of class instructions. The semester consists of two exams; mid-term and final exam. Exams will be closed book consisting of objective and subjective questions.

Grading Policy

Course Work

Mid-term examination	20%
Final examination	25%
Journals	15%
Journal Presentation	10%
Class Attendance	15%
Class Participation	15%

Grading Scale

A = 90 and above
B = 80 thru 89
C = 70 thru 79
D = 65 thru 69
F = 64 and below

Course Outline

July 10	Introduction to the Course Chapter 1	An Overview of Criminology An overview of the Criminal Justice System
	Chapter 2	Measuring Crime and Criminal Behavior
July 17	Chapter 3 Chapter 4	Schools of Thought Throughout History Psychological and Biological Perspectives
July 24	Chapter 5 Chapter 6 Chapter 7	Strain and Cultural Deviance Theories The Formation of Subcultures Social Control Theory Film: Girls in Gangs (28 min.)
July 31	Chapter 8 Chapter 9	Targets and Victims of Crime Alternative Explanations of Crime Presentation: <i>Juvenile Robbery Victims in Honolulu: Testing Routine Activities Theory</i> -Review for Midterm Examination
August 7		Mid-Term Examination Film: The Amish - Is Crime the Price We Pay for Freedom? (57 min.)
August 14	Chapter 10 Chapter 11 Chapter 12	The Concepts of Crime Violent Crimes Property Crimes
August 21	Chapter 13 Chapter 14	Organizational Criminality Substance Abuse & Sex-Related Crimes Class Project**
August 28	Chapter 16 Chapter 17	Processes and Decisions Enforcing the Law Presentation: <i>Does Race Matter'?</i> * Journal Entries and Articles due
September 4	Chapter 18 Chapter 19	The Nature and Functioning of the Court A Research Focus on Corrections Film: Crime and Punishments (28 min.) -Review for Final Examination
September 11		Final Examination