

## SYLLABUS FOR FOUNDATIONS IN CRIMINOLOGY

### **Class Meetings:**

Mondays: 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

Wednesdays: 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/06, 11/13

**Text:** Freda Adler, Gerhard Mueller, William Laufer. (1998), Criminology, 4<sup>th</sup> edition.  
New York: McGraw-Hill Co.

**Course description:** This course is an introduction to criminology. It covers many theories and concepts relating to criminology and sociology. We will study techniques for measuring the characteristics of criminals, crimes, and victims and trace the history and evolution of criminology. Furthermore, we will study criminal behavior from the biological, sociological, psychological, and sociopolitical perspectives. Finally, we will examine crimes from a legal standpoint.

**Course objectives:** Upon completion of this course, students will have a good understanding of why people commit crimes, the different types of crimes, and defenses to these crimes.

**Learning outcome and assessments:** All of the students' work will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Knowledge of the subject matter from textbooks, lectures, discussions, research and outside sources;
- Ability to apply knowledge to current events and hypothetical situations;
- Logical and critical thinking;
- Demonstration of achieving class objectives.

**Format:** This class will be an interactive learning experience. The class will integrate lectures, class discussions, group projects, debates, current events, and presentations. We will cover about two chapters per class.

**Schedule and weight of tests and assignments:** Your grade will be based on a midterm and a final exam, as well as participation and various projects throughout the class.

Class #1:	Ch. 1-2
Class #2:	Ch. 3-4
Class #3:	Ch. 5-6
Class #4:	Ch. 7-8; Midterm Review
Class #5:	MIDTERM
Class #6:	Review Midterm; Ch. 9-10
Class #7:	Ch. 11-12
Class #8:	Ch. 13-14
Class #9:	Ch. 15; Review for Final
Class #10:	FINAL

Midterm Exam:	Ch. 1-8	40%
Final Exam:	Ch. 9-15	40%
Participation		10%
Assignments:		10%

**Class policies:** To make this learning experience positive for everyone:

- I expect all students to come to class on time, to be thoroughly prepared and to actively participate in class discussions.
- I expect students to be respectful of everyone in the classroom.
- If you will be absent or tardy, please call me at 551-6565.
- If you miss a test, make rescheduling arrangements with me.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please inform me as soon as possible.

<b><u>Grading:</u></b>	90%-100%	A
	80%-89%	B
	70%-79%	C
	60%-69%	D
	59% or below	F

**Disclaimer:** I reserve the right to change this syllabus at any time.