

WE'03

Criminal Justice 201¹⁰ Foundations in Criminology
January 18 – March 22, 2003
SYLLABUS

Chaminade University – Winter 2003

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Course Description and General Outline:

This course will examine the study of crime, punishment and prevention. Students will be required to learn to think and express themselves concerning the causes of crime in a more focused and scientific manner. Discussions and lectures will be on criminology; (the scientific study of making laws, breaking of laws, and reaction towards the breaking of laws). The course will cover the assessment of crime over time and place, and measure the characteristics of criminals and crime. In addition, students will learn other methods of study from all social and behavioral sciences, examining the schools of thought contributing to criminology.

Learning Objectives:

- To focus on the ability to gain a scientific way of thinking and expression towards crime and criminals;
- To obtain a familiarity with the motives, causes and correlation to crime.
- To develop and have an appreciation for criminology and the theory development press.

Textbook: Criminology, 4th ed., Adler, F., Mueller, G., & Laufer, W., (2001)

Attendance Policy:

Due to the intensive components of this course, attendance is mandatory. Attendance will comprise of one-third of the final class grade. Upon three absences a deficiency notice will be sent to the registrar with the recommendation that the student withdraw from the course. Students who miss three or more classes will receive a grade of "FA – failure due to poor attendance." On rare occasions, exceptions will be made due to documented military necessity and/or serious family or personal reasons. It will be the student's responsibility to communicate with the registrar regarding withdraws, add/drops, credit/no credit options. It is also the student's responsibility to contact the instructor.

Grading Policy:

Grades will be based on a point system. There will be a total of 300 possible points; 100 points for attendance/participation; 100 points for mid-term and final examine 50/50; and 100 points for written research project.

Point System Breakdown:

Attendance/Participation:

- **100 Points** – Students arriving on time, prepared for and participating in all class work and discussions will receive 100 points.
- **90 points** – 1 absence
- **80 points** – 2 absences

RECOMMENDED COURSE WITHDRAWAL and/or FAILURE DUE TO ATTENDANCE – 3 absences

Midterm & Final Exam:

- **100 points** – The Midterm and Final will each count for 50 points. The midterm exam will consist of the first half of the course material and the final will consist of the second half of the course.

Research Project:

- **100 points** – Students will be required to prepare a written research paper (7-page minimum) of a theorist of criminology. All papers must conform to the Chaminade University writing requirement. Double-space, APA standard paper. A minimum of three (3) references are require.

Final Grades:

A	270 - 300 points
B	240 - 269 points
C	210 - 239 points
D	195 – 209 points
F	Below 195 or more than 2 absences

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1 (January 18)

Introduction
Chapter 1 – An Overview of Criminology
Overview of research paper

WEEK 2 (January 25)

Chapter 2 – Measuring Crime & Criminal Behavior Patterns
Chapter 3 – Schools of Thought throughout History

WEEK 3 (February 1)

Chapter 4 – Psychological and Biological Perspectives
Chapter 5 – Strain and Cultural Deviance Theories
Chapter 6 – The Formation of Subcultures

WEEK 4 (February 8)

Chapter 7 – Social Control Theory
Chapter 8 – Labeling, Conflict, and Radical Theories
Review for Mid-Term Exam

WEEK 5 (February 15)

MIDTERM EXAM

WEEK 6 (February 22)

Chapter 9 – Targets and Victims of Crime
Chapter 10 – The Concept of Crime

WEEK 7 (March 1)

Chapter 11 – Violent Crimes
Chapter 12 – Crimes against Property

WEEK 8 (March 8)

Chapter 13 – Organizational Criminality
Chapter 14 – Public Order Crimes

WEEK 9 (March 15)

Chapter 15 – Comparative Criminology
Review for Final Exam

WEEK 10 (March 22)

RESEARCH PAPER DUE
FINAL EXAM