

Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester . Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Department : Law Enforcement
Course Title : Criminology
Section Name : CJSA 1325_WB
Start Date : January 18, 2011
End Date : May 13, 2011
Modality : ONLINE
Credits : 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

Current theories and empirical research pertaining to crime and criminal behavior and its causes, methods, of prevention, systems of punishments, and rehabilitation.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

none

[Scans](#)

SCANS 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11

Course Objectives

1. The student will identify and describe the various theories of causation of criminal behavior.
2. The student will identify and appraise the avenues of the prevention of crime.
3. The student will identify and describe the various research methods used in criminal research.
4. The student will identify and describe the categories and sources of criminological data utilized in interpreting crime trends.

Course Participation:

Unlike a traditional, instructor-led course, you do not need to show up to a class at a specific time each day to earn your class participation grade. Instead, you need to make a daily effort to complete the Discussion Board postings in a timely manner and meet all deadlines as assigned by the Instructor.

Online Etiquette:

The objective in an online discussion is to be collaborative, *Not* combative. Please proofread your responses carefully before you post them to ensure that they are *Not* offensive to others in this course. Use discussions to develop your skills in collaboration and teamwork. Treat the discussion area as a creative environment where you and your classmates can ask questions of each other,

express opinions, revise opinions, and take positions just as you would in a more traditional classroom setting.

Academic Honesty:

Scholastic dishonesty shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism and collusion. Cheating on a test shall include: Coping from another student's test paper, Using test materials not authorized by a person administering the test or the test administrator, Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during the test without permission from the administrator. Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an un-administered test. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the test. Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for ones self, to take a test. Bribing another person to obtain an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test means another's work and the acknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's written work. ?Plagiarism? shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any written work for fulfilment of course requirements. Reference: Odessa College Student Handbook Student Rights and responsibilities 2007- 2009.? Collusion? Shall be defines as the unauthorized collaboration with another person preparing.

Required Readings/Materials

a)You must purchase the following **required** readings/materials:

Title: *Criminology Today: An Integrative Introduction*

Edition: Fifth

Author: Schmalleger, Frank

ISBN# 978-0-13-513031-5

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Postings

-- I would like for our discussions to be open and easy for all of us to understand so we can really talk to one another as if we are in class and face to face. Please make sure your postings are in your own words and target an audience that has no clue what you are talking about --- no clinical answers or answers from online or print resources. If someone else posts something and you don't really understand their comments, ask! That's the best way for everyone to learn. Let's have some FUN with this!

If you want to make sure you are not plagiarizing the answer, you may want to run it through <http://www.duplichecker.com/> . As you move forward in your education this is a valuable resource. There are others out there, but this is the one I used with my research proposal for my Masters and it never let me down. If you do need to use information you found online or in print, please cite (I'm not asking for a formal citation) where you found it. You might say... I found this on Wikipedia (keep in mind the info on this site is posted by everyday folks like you and me for the most part so it may not be as accurate as you hoped for). You might

Grading Policy

Graded Activities:

I will post one or more Discussion Board questions each week that relate to the chapter we are covering.

Discussion Forums

50%

Final Exam

50%

Total

100%

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the ["Ask a Librarian"](#) service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>. **All assignments or correspondence will be submitted using your Odessa College email.**

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Technical Support

For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

Important School Policies

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or student's and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).