

Course Syllabus

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Department: Law Enforcement /Criminal Justice Department

Course Title: Crime in America

Section Name: CRIJ_1307_WB

Start Date: 01/18/2011

End Date: 05/12/2011

Modality: ONLINE

Credits: 3

Instructor Information

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Course Description

The course examines the American crime problem in historical perspective; social and public policy factors affecting crime; impact and crime trends; social characteristics of specific crimes; and the prevention of crime.

Prerequisites/Corequisites

No prerequisites required

Scans

1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11

Course Objectives

1. The student will describe and explain the psychological, social, and economic impact of crime in society.
2. The student will identify characteristics of major crimes, and the impact on society.
3. The student will identify and describe the prevention of crime.
4. The student will describe key terms related to the course.

Required Readings/Materials

Title: Policing America: Challenges and Best Practices

Edition: 6

Author: Peak, Kenneth J.

ISBN# 13-159803-4

Publisher: Pearson/Prentice Hall

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Each week you will see chapter lesson assignments as we move through the course. These assignments will correspond with your required Discussion Board postings. Please, respond to each Discussion Board question with a minimum 250 word response. Then post responses in the Discussion Board area to two (2) other student's postings on the same Discussion Board topic, not with a "good job" or a "great answer", but with a substantial response. All postings should be accompanied with a reference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Topic/Overview: See summary listed below.

Summary of Assignments & Activities

*NOTE: The due dates are subject to change. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

Item (Name) Type Description Due*

Week One Chapter 1

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the January 23, 2011 deadline

Week Two Chapter 2

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the January 30, 2011 deadline

Week Three Chapter 3

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 6, 2011 deadline

Week Four Chapter 4

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 13, 2011 deadline

Week Five Chapter 5

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 20, 2011 deadline

Week Six Chapter 6

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the February 27, 2011 deadline

Week Seven Chapter 7

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the March 6, 2011 deadline

Chapter 8

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the March 13, 2011 deadline

Spring Break is March 14 – 18. Odessa College will be closed.

Week Nine Chapter 9

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the March 27, 2011 deadline

Week Ten Chapter 10

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 3, 2011 deadline.

Week Eleven Chapter 11

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 10, 2011 deadline

Week Twelve Chapter 12

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 17, 2011 deadline

Week Thirteen Chapter 13

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the April 24, 2011 deadline

Week 14 Chapter 14

Read Chapter, check assignment requirements

Post your Discussion Board responses before the May 1, 2011 deadline

Week 15

Review all assignments/Discussion Board postings

Week 16

Final Exam 25 question multiple choice exam

One attempt 90 minute time limit

The exam will open Monday May 9th at 8 am and close on Thursday May 12th at 5 pm.

Grading Policy

Each week, I will post your assignment and Discussion Board requirements. Please complete all Discussion Board postings by the appropriate date.

Discussion Forums	50%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

Letter grades are as follows:

Letter Grade	Percentage	Grade Point
A	90-100%	4.0
B	80-89%	3.0
C	70-79%	2.0
D	60-69%	1.0
F	Below 60	0.0

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, 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.

Student Portal

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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.

