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Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 AM to 10:20 AM

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Course Overview & Objectives

This class is about the constructions of deviance and deviant behavior. Definitions of deviance will be discussed along with societal reactions to deviance and deviants. This class will consider various forms of deviant behavior such as alcohol and drug use, crime, sexual and physical deviance and theories that attempt to make sense of deviance in our society. By the end of the semester, students will understand the deviant structures of society. In addition, students will have learned to integrate two major areas of study in sociology: deviance and criminology. Learning about society through a sociological lens, students will also develop an increased understanding for all persons.

Required Textbook

Thio, Alex, Jim D. Taylor, & Martin D. Schwartz. (2013). *Deviant Behavior*. 11th Edition. Boston: Pearson.

Course Requirements

Students will be given 4 exams during the semester and 4 written assignments.

Class Structure, Important Announcements, and Participation

You are responsible for keeping up with the assigned readings and being prepared for class discussions. The textbook readings are intended to provide background information to my lectures. Because I like to have class discussions when I am lecturing, it is of utmost importance that you read the assigned reading for that particular lecture in the textbook. If for some reason, due to the class discussion, I am unable to lecture on a particular topic in the textbook you are still responsible for knowing that particular section of the assigned reading. So please be aware that you will be tested on what the textbook covers as well as my lectures. The readings will be from the textbook listed above, as well as any other material that I may handout during the semester. I will not be posting my lecture slides online.

Simple Rules for Class Behavior

PLEASE BE IN CLASS ON TIME! Class starts at 9:00 AM. If you are unable to make it to class at 9:00AM during this semester because of work or other commitments, I recommend you drop this class. Repeated tardiness, cell phone ringing, sleeping, talking, reading material unrelated to class, and any other distracting behavior, will not be tolerated and I will ask you to leave the classroom if you are conducting this type of behavior.

Use of Laptops and Other Technology in My Class

Laptops are not necessary in my class. However, the use of laptops will be allowed in my class for note taking ONLY. I also ask that you put all electronic devices away. When entering my class, I ask that you put your electronic devices in your purse/backpack. Furthermore, text messaging via cell phone or any other device will not be allowed in my class. Cell phones and any other devices should be in silent mode while in my class. If, for some reason, you need your phone on your desk because of a particular emergency that day, please speak to me before class, and then, and only then, are you allowed to have your phone on your desk. However, please still have it in silent mode.

Attendance

Attendance is not required in this class as an official portion of your overall grade. However, you are expected to attend all class lectures. Given the rather specialized subject matter of the course, however, those who do attend class regularly will be more likely to understand the material and will therefore be in a better position to do well in the class. If you miss class, please obtain the lecture notes from one of your fellow classmates. I will not provide you with copies of my notes.

Grading

Your grade in this class will be based on 4 exams and 4 written assignments. Make-up exams may only be acceptable under extreme circumstances, such as a medical or personal emergency. I must warn you, however, that I base these decisions on a very narrow definition of extreme. The student must provide me with proper documentation to qualify for a make-up (documentation does not, unfortunately, guarantee that a make-up will be given). Final decision is left to the discretion of the professor and all makeup exams must be scheduled within one week of the original exam. Missed exams will be assigned a grade of zero (0). Exams will cover material from lectures, textbook, and any other material discussed in class.

Scholastic Integrity

In all matters of intellectual pursuit, UTEP faculty and students must strive to achieve excellence based on the quality of work produced by the individual. In the classroom and in all academic activities, students are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Any form of scholastic dishonesty is an affront to the pursuit of knowledge and jeopardizes the quality of the degree awarded to all graduates of UTEP.

Any student who commits an act of scholastic dishonesty is subject to discipline. Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, the submission for credit of any work or any materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, an act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts. Proven violations of the detailed regulations, as printed in the Handbook of Operating Procedures, and available in the Office of the Dean of Students, may result in sanctions ranging from disciplinary probation, to a failing grade on the work in question, to a failing grade in the course, suspension or dismissal, among other sanctions.

Note for Students with Disabilities

If you are registered with the *Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS)* as a disabled student, let me know so I can accommodate your needs. Students with disabilities are responsible for making their needs known to the instructor, and seeking available assistance in a timely manner.

Final Grade Calculation:

Your grade in this class will be determined based on the 4 exams given in class.

Exam 1	100 Points
Assignment 1	10 Points
Exam 2	100 Points
Assignment 2	10 Points
Exam 3	100 Points
Assignment 3	10 Points
Exam 4	100 Points
Assignment 4	10 Points

Total Points: 440 Points

Final Grade Distribution:

440-396 Points=**A**
 395-352 Points=**B**
 351-308 Points=**C**
 307-264 Points=**D**
 263-0 Points=**F**

Please note: I have the right to make any changes to the course syllabus and any changes will be announced ahead of time in class and/or email.

Week	Date	Class Lecture	Reading & Notes
1	Tuesday, January 16	Class Introduction	Syllabus
	Thursday, January 18	<i>What is Deviant Behavior?</i>	Chapter 1 Assignment 1
2	Tuesday, January 23	Continue Chapter 1	
	Thursday, January 25	<i>Positivist Theories</i>	Chapter 2
3	Tuesday, January 30	Continue Chapter 2	
	Thursday, February 1	<i>Constructionist Theories</i>	Chapter 3 Assignment 1 Due
4	Tuesday, February 6	Continue Chapter 3	
	Thursday, February 8	Exam 1	Chapters 1, 2, and 3
5	Tuesday, February 13	Physical Violence	Chapter 4
	Thursday, February 15	Continue Chapter 4	
6	Tuesday, February 20	Rape and Child Molestation	Chapter 5 Assignment 2
	Thursday, February 22	Continue Chapter 5	
7	Tuesday, February 27	Family Violence	Chapter 6
	Thursday, March 1	Continue Chapter 6	Assignment 2 Due
8	Tuesday, March 6	Exam 2	Chapters 4, 5, and 6
	Thursday, March 8	Suicide	Chapter 7 Assignment 3
XX	Tuesday, March 13	Spring Break	No Class
	Thursday, March 15	Spring Break	No Class
9	Tuesday, March 20	Continue Chapter 7	Assignment 3 Due
	Thursday, March 22	Mental Disorder	Chapter 8
10	Tuesday, March 27	Continue Chapter 8	
	Thursday, March 29	Heterosexual Deviance	Chapter 9
11	Tuesday, April 3	Continue Chapter 9	
	Thursday, April 5	Exam 3	Chapters 7, 8, and 9
12	Tuesday, April 10	Gays and Other Targets of Stigma	Chapter 10 Assignment 4
	Thursday, April 12	Continue Chapter 10	
13	Tuesday, April 17	Internet Deviance	Chapter 11
	Thursday, April 19	Continue Chapter 11	Assignment 4 Due
14	Tuesday, April 24	Drug Use	Chapter 12
	Thursday, April 26	Continue Chapter 12	
15	Tuesday, May 1	Drinking and Alcoholism	Chapter 13
	Thursday, May 3	Continue Chapter 13	
16	Tuesday, May 8	Exam 4	Chapters 10, 11,12,13