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Class Dates: **June 7, 2021 – July 31, 2021**

Office Hours: I will meet with students virtually by appointment. I can be reached through UTEP email. Please allow 24 hours to respond on weekdays and 48 hours over the weekend.

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course surveys historical perspectives on crime, contemporary criminological theory, current trends in crime, and critical thought on current justice practices and procedures. Emphasis is given to the development and application of theory regarding different types of crimes, “crime waves,” and why people commit crime.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

This course prepares students to:

1. Analyze reasons for why people commit crime and/or engage in deviance
2. Understand the concepts, terms, and propositions of each criminological theory, including deterrence, rational choice, biosocial, psychological, social learning, social bonding/control, strain, labeling, conflict, Marxist, feminist, and radical/critical theory.
3. Become familiar with key criminologists who developed each major criminological theory and the historical context leading up to each theory’s development.
4. Appreciate the practical application of each criminological theory in daily life and in the professional field.

REQUIRED TEXT:



Akers, Ronald L and Christine S. Sellers. (2017). *Criminological Theories: Introduction, Evaluation, and Application (7th edition)*. New York: Oxford University Press.

SUMMARY OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

3 Exams	(50 pts x 30)	150 points
Weekly Discussions (7)	(25 pts x 6)	150 points
Written Assignments (2)	(50pts x 2)	100 points
Final Theory Integration		100 points

Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
450-500	90-100	A
400-449	80-89	B
370-399	70-79	C
300-369	60-69	D
0-299	0-59	F

GRADING SCALE: **500 points possible**

NOTE: Grades are assigned according to the total points earned. I do not grade on a curve or round grades. If you end up with 449 points, you will have earned a B. You are responsible for obtaining the grade you want in this class.

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DETAILS OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

I. Discussion Participation:

This semester you will have 6 discussion questions that require your response. Your response to the discussion question should be scholarly and thorough. In your response, you must demonstrate your understanding of Textbook readings and the application of the covered materials. Initial posts are due by Tuesday, response to two peers are due by Friday at midnight. Original posts entered after Tuesday will not be accepted. See Late work policy.

You are required to respond to two students/peers that provokes thought. You must respond with more than “Good job,” or “I agree.” Your response to your peers during discussion posts should provide your understanding or an alternative to their opinion and the application of concepts.

Netiquette: You must maintain an academic attitude and uphold UTEP policies. Being disrespectful, using profanity or unprofessional behavior will not be tolerated. All your online communications must be composed with fairness, honesty, and tact.

II. Written Assessments

In week 3 and week 5, you will have a written assessment due. The assignment will require you use to analyze and apply concepts we have covered in this class. In this assignment, I expect to see that you can apply material. Refer to Blackboard for more information regarding your writing assignments.

III. Exams

There will be 3 quizzes in this class, 50 points each. Exams will likely be structured with some combination of Multiple choice, True/False, and/or Essay questions. **Exams must be submitted in Blackboard by the due date. Exams cannot be made up. Exams will be open for a week prior to the due date giving each student plenty of time to take the exam. No exceptions.**

IV. Final Assignment

Case Study of a Sex Offender: Application and Integrating Theory. Students will be expected to integrate several theories to explain the behavior. Students are expected to challenge these theories and provide alternative theories that attempt to explain the behavior of the case study. Refer to Blackboard for more information.

V. Instructor’s Policies

Late Work: **Late assignments/discussions/exams will not be accepted.** Due dates are posted. Plan accordingly. You can submit all assignments early.

Disability:

Students with a disability that affects their academic performance are expected to arrange a meeting with the instructor so that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. Students with disabilities are required to notify the Center for Accommodations and Support Services for accommodations, cass@utep.edu; 915-747-5148; Union East Rm 106.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Academic dishonesty includes cheating on an exam, turning in someone else's assignment from a previous class, or plagiarism: "(1) use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without fully and properly crediting the author with citations or biographical reference; (2) unacknowledged use of work/materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials; (3) unacknowledged use of original work/material that has been produced through collaboration with others without release in writing from collaborators."

I take cases of alleged academic dishonesty seriously. For students who are found to have allegedly engaged in any form of academic dishonesty, the case will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (OSCCR). While the case is being investigated by OSCCR, an "I" (Incomplete) will be assigned until the case is resolved. If the student is found by OSCCR to have engaged in misconduct, sanctions may include a failing grade on the assignment or exam in question, a failing grade in the course, suspension, or dismissal from the University. See <http://www.utep.edu/dos>

UTEP Drop Policy

If unforeseen circumstances happen where a drop is necessary, *students* are responsible for initiating any course drop. It is the student's responsibility to determine how dropping courses may affect financial aid. **Students are limited to dropping no more than 6 courses over their entire academic career of all courses taken at any public college or University in Texas.** If a student withdraws completely from this class kindly notify Dr. Ordonez at saordonez@utep.edu.

CONTRACT

By reading this syllabus and remaining enrolled in the class, you are agreeing to the terms of the contract. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Ordonez (saordonez@utep.edu).

RECORDING OF CLASS & COPYRIGHT STATEMENT

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<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TOPIC COVERAGE*</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
Week 1	What is Criminology, Crime, and Deviance? What is Theory? Classical Criminology and Deterrence Rational Choice Theory. Read Ch 1-2	Introduction Discussion & Discussion 1 Due by 6/8
Week 2	Biological and Biosocial Theories Psychological and Personality Theories The Criminal Mind Read Ch 3-4	Discussion Due by 6/15 Exam 1 Covers Ch 1-4 due Sunday in BB by 11: 55pm on 6/20
Week 3	Differential Association/ Social Learning Theory Early Control Theories Social Bonding and Low Self Control Read Ch 5-6	Discussion Due by 6/22 Written Assessment due Sunday by 11:55pm 6/27
Week 4	Labeling & Reintegrative Shaming Theory Social Disorganization and Chicago School Application of Social Disorganization Read Ch 7-8	Discussion Due by 6/29 Exam 2 due Sunday by 11:55pm 7/4
Week 5	Classic Anomie/Strain Conflict Theory Read Ch 9-10	Discussion Due by 7/6 Written Assessment due Sunday by 11:55pm on 7/11
Week 6	Marxist Theories Radical and Critical Theories Read Ch 11-12	Discussion Due by 7/13
** Start working on your Last written assessment**		
Week 7	Feminist Theories Developmental and Life Course Theories Integrating Criminological Theories Read Ch 13-15	Written Assignment due Sunday by 11:55pm on 7/25
Week 8	Final Exam due by <u>11:55 on Friday 7/30/2021</u>	

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