

CRIJ 4300-Special Topics: Sex Crimes Fall 2021 (CRN:16866)

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Class Dates: Aug 23, 2021 – Dec 2, 2021
Tuesday/Thursday 9:00am-10:30am
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Or by appointment.

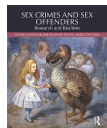
Course Description: CRIJ 4300-Special Topics: Sex Offenses is an upper division elective course in Criminal Justice, focusing on sex crimes, sex offenders, the criminal justice system, and policy. We will examine myths through a critical research and reality-based lens. The purpose of this course is to provide students with information that will benefit them when working with/studying such offenders. Students will have the opportunity to explore problems with current trends and to discuss related issues. Emphasis is placed on disputing commonly held myths regarding this population of offenders.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

1. To be familiar with the factual information (fundamental principles) associated with sex offenders and sex offender research. Each student should be familiar with the following:
 - ❑ Number of and trends about sex offenders
 - ❑ History/background of sex/sex offender research
 - ❑ Theories related to sex crimes (biological, cognitive, psychosocial, etc.)
 - ❑ Types of sex crimes (rape, child sexual abuse, and child pornography)
 - ❑ Special populations of sex offenders (juvenile sex offenders, female sex offenders, and those who sexually abuse in the context of an institution)
2. To gain information about work with sex offenders. This includes the following:
 - ❑ Investigation approaches
 - ❑ Assessment and treatment approaches
 - ❑ Registration laws and government reaction

These objectives are achieved through various activities, including attending class, taking notes, reading assigned material, participating in class discussions, completing assignments, and preparing for exams.

Required Text



Vandiver, D., Braithwaite, J., & Stafford, M. (2017). *Sex Crimes and Sex Offenders: Research & Realities*. Taylor & Francis. ISBN: 9781138937109

Supplemental readings can be found in Blackboard.

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SUMMARY OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

In Class Activities		100 Points
Exams	(50 pts X 3)	150 points
Written Assignments		200 Points

Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
405-450	90-100	A
360-404	80-89	B
315-359	70-79	C
270-314	60-69	D
0-269	0-59	F

450 points possible

NOTE: Grades are assigned according to the total points earned. I do not curve grades or round up. If you end the class with 404 points, you will receive a B. You are responsible for obtaining the grade you want in this class.

DETAILS OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

I. In Class Activities- Activities will be completed in class that are not scheduled but attendance is required to obtain the points. If you are absent, you can't make up missed class activities.

II. Written Assignment-In weeks 4, 8 and 13, you will have a writing assignment due. The assignment will require you to analyze and apply concepts we have covered in this class. In these assignments, I expect to see that you can define, describe, and apply material. Refer to Blackboard for more information regarding your writing assignments.

III. EXAMS- You will have 3 exams in this class. Each exam is worth 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.**

IV. Instructor's Policies

COVID-19-The CDC is recommending that people wear masks when inside public spaces where the spread of the virus is "substantial" or "high." You are encouraged to wear a mask, but you are not required to. Please do not come to class if you are ill. To be excused from class activities, you must email me *before* the missed class date(s). Documentation may be requested. Communication is important.

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

Sensitive Topic Discussion:

Students should expect to be exposed to sexual abuse information and details that may be uncomfortable or even traumatic to some. Please consider not taking this course if you believe you will be negatively affected by such information.

Use of cell phones is strictly prohibited during class. Should your phone ring during class, you will be asked to leave. Should you take phone call or be observed texting, you will be asked to leave class. Cell phones should be appropriately stored away during exams. If a student is found to have their phone out while taking an exam, they will fail that exam and be asked to leave.

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Taking pictures in class is Prohibited. You are not allowed to take pictures of Lecture slides or materials. Plan on bringing a notebook and writing utensil to take notes in this class.

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.

Academic Dishonesty:

Students are expected to be familiar with all University policies regarding 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. Academic dishonesty from a student in Criminal Justice undermines the entire purpose of your degree and will not be tolerated. 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 all classes, 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

The materials used in this course are copyrighted. This includes, but is not limited to, syllabi, exams, in class activities, review sheets, homework, solutions, class notes, supplemental materials. You do not have the right to copy or distribute these items unless I specifically grant you permission.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

I reserve the right to add assignments and amend this schedule to suit the needs of the class

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic Coverage</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Week 1	Introduction to Course Defining Sex Crimes	
Week 2	Prevalence & Recidivism of Sexual Offending Sexual Behaviors	Read Chapter 1
Week 3	Theory	Read Chapter 2
Week 4	Rape	Read Ch 3 Written Assignment Due 9/19/21
Week 5	Abducted in Plain Sight	Class Discussion EXAM 1 covers weeks 1- 4 Due in BB by Sunday 9/26/2021 at 11:59pm
Week 6	Child Sexual Abuse Pedophile vs Hebephile	Read Ch 4
Week 7	Child Pornography Exposure to Pornography	Read Chapter 5
Week 8	Juvenile Sex Offenders	Read Ch 6 Written Assignment Due 10/17/21
Week 9	Female Sex Offenders	Read Ch 7
Week 10	Institutional Sexual Abuse Institutional Myths	Read Ch 8 Exam 2 Covers weeks 6-9 Due in BB Sunday by 10/31/2021
Week 11	Investigations of Sex Crimes & Sex Offenders	Read Ch 9
Week 12	Risk Assessments & Treatment	Read Ch 10
Week 13	Registration Laws	Written Assignment Due 11/21/2021
Week 14	Class discussion (No Class on 11/25)	Happy Thanksgiving
Week 15	Human Sex Trafficking Documentary	Lecture slides

**FINAL EXAM 3 Covers Weeks 10-15 Due in Bb Tuesday 12/7/2021 by 1pm.
Final exam will open on 12/6 at 12am.**