

Syllabus,
SOCC 141

Crime and Society
Fall 2009

Class time: Monday 5:00-7:50
Location: SOLIS 104
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Course Objectives:

This course will focus on a study of the social origins of criminal law, the administration of justice, causes and patterns of criminal behavior, and the prevention and control of crime, including individual rehabilitation and institutional change, and the politics of legal, police and correctional reform. We will study crime and its effects on society from the viewpoint of the offenders, victims, defense attorneys, prosecutors, police, and others involved in the administration of justice.

Text:

Sue Titus Reid
Crime and Criminology. McGraw-Hill (12th edition)

Course Requirements:

There will be no term paper for this class. Grades are determined by one midterm, one final exam and attendance/class participation. All essay exams will be take-home. A closed book multiple-choice exam will be given in class on the date the midterm essay questions are distributed and on the date that the final is due back. The multiple-choice portion of the midterm and final will account for 1/3 of each examination grade. **MAKE UP EXAMS WILL NOT BE OFFERED, EXCEPT FOR VALIDATED MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.**

Students are responsible for reading all assigned materials. Furthermore, students are required to be prepared and take an active role in the class discussion.

Grading:

Midterm	35%
Final	55%
Attendance and Participation	10%
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Total	100%

Course Schedule:

Date	Topic	Assignment
Sept. 28	Introduction	
Oct. 5	Crime, Criminal Law & Criminology	Ch 1
	The Measurement of Crime	Ch 2
12	Early Expl. Of Criminal Behavior	Ch 3
	Biological & Psychological Theories	Ch 4
19	Social-Structural Approach	Ch 5
	Social-Process Approach	Ch 6
26	Midterm - Chapters 1-6 multiple choice (Taken in class) and take home essays distributed	
Nov. 2	Midterm essays due Violent Crimes	Ch 7
9	Property Crimes	Ch 8
	Business and Government-Related Crimes	Ch 9
	Drug Abuse, Trafficking and Organized Crime	Ch 10
16	U.S. Criminal Justice Systems	Ch 11
	Police	Ch 12
23	Court Systems	Ch 13
30	Confinement of Offenders	Ch 14
	Corrections in the Community	Ch 15
	Final Examination essay questions distributed	
Dec. 10	FINAL EXAMINATION 7-9:50 p.m. Multiple choice questions taken Final examination essays due	