

Crime and Society
Fall 2024

Class time: Tuesday 5:00 – 7:50 pm
Location: FAH 1450 (Franklin Antonio Hall)
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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, judges, and others involved in the administration of justice.

Text:

Sue Titus Reid. Crime and Criminology. Wolters Kluwer (15th edition). There is not an electronic book option for the text.

Course Requirements:

There will be no term paper for this class. Grades are determined by one midterm, one final exam, and attendance and participation. Both the midterm and final will consist of three parts:

- a short multiple-choice test – taken in class and closed book.
- a short in-class essay - taken in class and closed book (bring a blue book.)
- a take home essay response (from a choice of two prompts.) – open book.

Each part of the exam will be equally weighted. The take home essay portion of the exams will be open book. The in class multiple-choice and blue book essay portion of the exams will be closed book. **MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL NOT BE OFFERED, EXCEPT FOR VERIFIED MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.** If you have a testing accommodation, it is your responsibility to schedule a time for the in-class portions of the examination. Students are responsible for reading all assigned materials. Furthermore, students are required to be prepared and take an active role in the class discussions.

Grading:

Midterm	40%
Final	50%
Attendance and Participation	10%
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Total	100%

Course Schedule:

Date	Topic	Assignment
Oct.	1 Introduction Crime, Criminal Law & Criminology	Ch 1
	8 The Measurement of Crime and Its Impact Early Expl. Of Criminal Behavior Biological & Psychological Theories	Ch 2 Ch 3 Ch 4
	15 Sociological Theories-Social-Structural Approach Sociological Theories-Social-Process Approach	Ch 5 Ch 6
	22 Midterm - Chapters 1-6 multiple choice and short Bluebook essay - (in class). Take-home essay questions distributed. Violent Crimes	Ch 7
	29 Midterm take-home essays due Property Crimes Business and Government-Related Crimes Drug Abuse, Trafficking and Organized Crime	Ch 8 Ch 9 Ch 10
Nov.	5 U.S. Criminal Justice Systems	Ch 11
	12 Police	Ch 12
	19 Court Systems	Ch 13
	26 Confinement of Offenders	Ch 14
Dec.	3 Corrections in the Community Final Examination take-home essay questions distributed.	Ch 15
	10 <u>TUESDAY</u>- FINAL EXAMINATION 7-10:00 p.m. Location TBA Multiple choice and short Bluebook essay - taken in class. Final examination take-home essays due at or before 7 p.m.	