

Criminal Justice 110

Crime and Punishment

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REQUIRED READINGS:

Walsh, A., & Hemmens, C. (2008). *Introduction to Criminology: A text/reader*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

RECOMMENDED READINGS:

Williams, F., & McShane, M. (2004). *Criminological theory*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall.

Wortley, J., & Mazerolle, L. (eds.). (2008). *Environmental Criminology and Crime Analysis*. London: Willan Publishing.

PREREQUISITE:

CRJ 1: Introduction to Criminal Justice and Society

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Overview of functions of crime control with a special emphasis on the historical and philosophical development of criminal punishment imposed collectively by the State and the society. A survey of major theories and research on the rationality and moral justification of crime, crime control, and treatment of offenders. A study of social significance and typology of criminal punishment.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Through written assignments and oral presentations, demonstrate a competent level of understanding of the various schools of criminological theory and identify basic conceptualizations of each theory, its historical development, and the corresponding criminal sanctions.
2. Recognize, discuss, and analyze the importance of analyzing these theoretical issues from a variety of perspectives, including but not limited to, philosophy and sociology.
3. Identify and describe the role that policies, the economy, social order, and social structure play in the construction of crime and criminal sanctions.
4. Critically evaluate and appraise the influence and limitation of each theoretical school on the changes and shifts of crime and criminal sanctions.
5. Examine and discuss a specific crime issue or criminal justice policy from a theoretical perspective and competently engage a theoretical perspective and competently engage a theoretical analysis by applying theoretical models to the issues under examination.
6. Participate in class discussion by contributing thoughtful comments and ideas regarding assigned readings and applied material.
7. Use textual, audio, and visual forms of evidence to support their positions on a particular issue, whether it arises during a class discussion, on an exam, or in a paper.
8. Actively acknowledge that theory is important to their overall understanding of crime, criminal behavior, and the criminal justice system. The manner in which crimes are defined, who defines them in a particular way, and the reasons why approaches to punishment and types of punishment changed throughout history all concern the way we as criminal justice professionals deal with the criminal element in our society today.

9. Demonstrate knowledge of the major philosophies of punishment through a small debate. Specifically, groups will be presented with scenarios describing individuals engaging in various types of criminality, and then select and defend the appropriate punishment philosophy and criminal sanction for each individual.
10. Express mastery of these complex, theoretical issues through improvement in critical thinking as well as writing and oral communication skills.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Pop quizzes (2% each; highest 5 of 6)	10%
Exam #1	15%
Exam #2	20%
Exam #3	20%
Term paper sections (peer review)	5%
Term Paper	20%
Class participation	10%

FINAL GRADES:

A	93-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
		B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62

Quizzes will be based on information from the assigned chapters of the required text, other readings, and any discussions and materials covered in class. Quizzes will test your preparation for class (doing the readings or other preparatory assignments) and will be held PRIOR to the class section on each topic. Missed quizzes cannot be made-up at a later time.

The exams will be based on information from the assigned chapters of the required text and any discussions and materials covered in class prior to each exam. Each exam will test information from only its respective section of the course. There is no comprehensive final exam.

The Term Paper draft is due at the beginning of class. Each student is expected to bring a completed draft for peer review. Students who do not bring the assigned section will not participate in the peer review process nor will they receive credit for the draft of the paper. Instructions on the term paper will be provided in the week prior to the first class titled Crime & Criminality I.

The Term Papers are due at the BEGINNING of the class session on the due date. Papers received after that time will be considered LATE and will NOT be accepted.

Exceptions will be made on missed exams and late papers under exceptional circumstances only. Those circumstances must be documented and verifiable.

DON'T CHEAT! Cheating on exams or quizzes will result in a score of zero! Don't look around, don't talk, don't do it!

DON'T PLAGIARIZE! If it's not your own words or idea, and it's not cited, it's plagiarism. Need a plagiarism tutorial? <http://library.csus.edu/content1.asp?pageID=353>.

COURSE PREPARATION:

BE PREPARED!!! Reading assignments are to be completed *before* class. Assignments are to be turned in at the *beginning* of the class when they are due.

SacCT You should set-up a SacCT account in order to access materials that may be posted there for this course.

ATTENDANCE:

Students absent from class more than 3 times will be dropped from the course. No reason is required for the first 3 absences. I suggest you do not plan to get married and go on a honeymoon, tour the pyramids or, engage in other pleasure travel that causes you to miss class.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

If you are disabled and you require accommodation, provide disability documentation To Student Services With Disabilities, Lassen Hall 1008, 916.278.6955. Also, please discuss your accommodation needs with me early in the semester either after class or during office hours.

CELL PHONES:

Cell phones are a disruption to class. Turn off your phones before class and put them away, out of sight. Anyone receiving a call or texting in class will be asked to leave the classroom.

PORTABLE COMPUTERS:

Can be distracting to other students. If you use a computer to take notes, sit at the back of the room where nobody else can see your screen. If you choose to surf the net or read email during class, do not bother coming. You will be asked to leave the classroom.

SCHEDULE: (This schedule may change at any time).

Week	Date	Topic	Readings	Due
SECTION I: PUNISHMENT & THEORIES OF CAUSATION I				
1	Jan 26 Jan 28 Jan 30	Overview of course Introduction to criminology and criminality Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 1	
2	Feb 2 Feb 4 Feb 6	The history of Punishment I The history of Punishment II Online: Readings & Exercises		
3	Feb 9 Feb 11 Feb 13	Classical & Positivist Criminology Sociological Theories I: Structure: The Chicago School Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 3 Section 4	
4	Feb 16 Feb 18 Feb 20	Sociological Theories II: Structure: Anomie/Strain Sociological Theories III: Process: Differential Association Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 4 Section 5	
5	Feb 23 Feb 25 Feb 27	Sociological Theories IV: Process: Social Learning Sociological Theories V: Process: Social Control Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 5	
6	Mar 2 Mar 4 Mar 6	Sociological Theories VI: General Theory of Crime Review Online: Exam #1		
SECTION II: THEORIES OF CAUSATION II				
7	Mar 9 Mar 11 Mar 13	Psychosocial Theories I: Traits & Psychopathy Biosocial Theories: Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 7 Section 8	
8	Mar 16 Mar 18 Mar 20	Developmental Theories: Life Course Developmental Theories: Career Criminality & Persistence Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 9	
9	Mar 23 Mar 25 Mar 27	Term Paper topic: Crime & Criminality I Term Paper topic: Crime & Criminality II Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 10, 11 Section 12, 13	Mandatory attendance Mandatory attendance
	Mar 30 Apr 1 Apr 3	NO CLASSES SPRING RECESS		
10	Apr 6 Apr 8 Apr 10	Critical Theories I: Marx & Conflict Critical Theories II: Feminist Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 6	
11	Apr 13 Apr 15 Apr 17	Peer Review: Term paper draft Exam Review Online: Exam #2		Term paper draft
SECTION III: ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMINOLOGY				
12	Apr 20 Apr 22 Apr 24	Rational Choice Theory Routine Activity Theory Online: Readings & Exercises	Section 3	
13	Apr 27 Apr 29 May 1	Pattern Theory Pattern Theory Online: Readings & Exercises		Term Papers due
14	May 4 May 6 May 8	Situational Crime Prevention Problem Analysis & Crime Analysis Online: Readings & Exercises		
15	May 11 May 13 May 15	Crime Analysis Research Proposal papers returned & Exam review Online: Exam review		

**EXAM #3 WILL BE HELD DURING FINAL EXAM WEEK
DATE, TIME & PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED**