

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA, ANCHORAGE
Soc203/Just203 Juvenile Delinquency
Monday & Wednesday 11:30-12:45 PM (AHS 106)
Fall 2009

Class Syllabus

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Course Description:

This course provides a conceptual approach to deviant and delinquent behavior, contributing social problems, and adolescence as a subculture with emphasis on the juvenile code and treatment procedures. More specifically, the student will learn about the nature and extent of juvenile delinquency, the causes of delinquency and the social context of delinquency. In addition, students will increase their knowledge basis of fundamental legal concepts, principal and theory.

Required Readings:

- Bartollas, Clemens & Schmallegger, Frank. **Juvenile Delinquency**. Pearson Education Inc.(2008)
- **Other readings as assigned**

Grades:

Your grade will be computed as the sum of all exams, quizzes, class participation, attendance and written assignments.

Quizzes – 20%

Research Assignment/Midterm - 30%

Class Attendance/ Participation – 10%

Final Examination – 40%*

FINAL EXAMINATION IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 09, 2009 FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:45 PM.

Class Attendance:

Timeliness and Attendance is **MANDATORY!** This is a very rigorous course. Missing class will put you at a great disadvantage. Private tutorials will not be available if you miss class. Perfect attendance is crucial to performing well in this class. You must inform the professor when you miss a class. Please email or call me as soon as possible, preferably prior to class.

Make-Up Work:

Missed Class Summary: If you miss a class then you must provide the instructor with a typed outline and summary of the material covered by the beginning of the next class. If you fail to provide the make-up work then your final grade will be deducted by 5%.

Make-Up Examinations: These will only be provided in situations in which the student has a University-recognized absence. These include illness, religious observance, participation in University activities at the request of University authorities, and compelling circumstances beyond the student's control. Official documentation must be provided. No make-up exam or homework assignment will be given without verified official documentation. Make-up options may take various forms (e.g. oral examinations, essay) and may involve additional work at my discretion. You must contact me within a reasonable amount of time of a missed exam for getting a make-up option.

Course Outline

8/24	Introduction
8/26	Adolescence & Delinquency – Chapter 1
8/31	The Measurement and Nature of Delinquency – Chapter 2
9/2	Chapter 2 cont'd
9/7	LABOR DAY – NO CLASS
9/9	Individual Causes of Delinquency: Choice & Trait – Chapter 3
9/14	Social Structural Causes of Delinquency – Chapter 4
9/16	Chapter 4 cont'd
9/21	Social Process Theories of Delinquency – Chapter 5
9/23	Chapter 5 cont'd
9/28	Social Interactionist Theories of Delinquency – Chapter 6
9/30	Chapter 6 cont'd
10/5	MIDTERM ASSIGNMENT
10/7	INDEPENDENT RESEARCH – NO CLASS
10/12	Gender and Delinquency – Chapter 7 (MIDTERM DUE AT BEGINNING OF CLASS)
10/14	Chapter 7 cont'd
10/19	Family and Delinquency – Chapter 8
10/21	Chapter 8 cont'd
10/26	The School and Delinquency – Chapter 9
10/28	Chapter 9 cont'd
11/2	Gangs and Delinquency – Chapter 10
11/4	Chapter 10 cont'd
11/9	Prevention Diversion and Treatment – Chapter 12
11/11	Chapter 12 cont'd
11/16	Juvenile Justice Process – Chapter 13
11/18	The Police and the Juvenile – Chapter 14
11/23	The Juvenile Court – Chapter 15
11/25	THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS
11/30	Juvenile Corrections – Chapter 16
12/2	Final Examination Review
12/09	10:00 am IN CLASS FINAL EXAMINATION

* I reserve the right to amend the syllabus as needed