

SYLLABUS

JUSTICE A251 – CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

Section 602
CRN# 86291

Fall 2009

Monday 6:00 to 8:45 PM
SSB 224

Cross listed with SOC A251 and meets GER Social Science Requirement

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JUSTICE 251 (Sect. 602) Crime and Delinquency

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Theoretical perspectives on the causes, consequences, and control of crime and delinquency. Survey of the major theoretical perspectives in the study of crime and delinquency with special attention to the application of empirical research methods to important theoretical issues.

II. PURPOSE OF COURSE:

This course is designed to provide students, both majors and non-majors with a broad perspective of traditional theories of deviant and criminal behavior. Each student should acquire an understanding of the historical development of criminological thought and the theories that underlie current justice system practices. The course will also introduce the student to interdisciplinary approaches and thinking.

III. TEXTS:

Siegel, L.J. Criminology, Belmont, CA: Thomson. 2008. (Custom Required Text)

Larose, A. Study Guide for Criminology: the core (3rd ed.), Belmont, CA: Thomson. 2007. (Optional Text)

Jacoby, J. E. Classics of Criminology (3rd ed.), Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press. 2004 (NOT-Required Text but used for all extra credit opportunities)

IV. REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENTS:

Students studying in this course for credit are expected to successfully complete the following requirements during the course:

1. Students will be expected to read and study assignments prior to coming to class and be prepared to discuss the material during class. Regular class attendance appears to be the best predictor of final grades as criminology is a complex area of study and the lectures will aid you in comprehending and integrating the material. Group discussions will be utilized often.
2. There will be two quizzes and a comprehensive final exam. Certain *Classics of Criminology* articles will be designated for potential extra exam credit.

V. GRADING:

Quiz 1 (Chapters 1-3)	80
Quiz 2 (Chapters 4-7)	120
Final Exam (Chapters 8-9 and Comprehensive)	<u>200</u>
	400 points total

<u>Course Percent Score</u>	<u>Grade</u>
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

VI. INSTRUCTOR'S POLICIES:

ATTENDANCE

Although students will not be graded on attendance, regular attendance is expected in this class. Students are responsible for all class work even if there are legitimate reasons for their absence. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible about any difficulties with attendance.

PARTICIPATION

Each student's class participation is encouraged and expected. Comments and questions of everyone are considered valuable and will contribute to class discussion and learning. Studies in memory retention indicate that, generally, the greater the degree to which a person participates in the discussion, the greater the amount of retention. All students will engage in Blackboard and in-class discussions as a regular part of the class.

BLACKBOARD

All official contact with you will be made via the email address on file with the UAA Blackboard system. You must maintain a working email address which is available to me via Blackboard. Please visit the course Blackboard page regularly. All grades are first posted to Blackboard. Additional materials of interest are regularly added to the course Blackboard pages. Call 786-4646 to change your active email address.

MISSED EXAMS

Exams must be taken as scheduled unless you have a documentable major life event. Failure to take an exam as scheduled will result in a zero for that exam unless you have a documentable major life event. If there are conflicts between the exams and your other activities, i.e. sports, military duty, employer required trips, etc., you should see me as soon as possible so that a suitable time can be scheduled for you to take the exam. If you are ill, a doctor's excuse may be needed to make up the exam. All such documentation should include a contact name and phone number. A substitute make-up exam may be used.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Academic integrity is a basic principle that requires that students take credit only for ideas and efforts that are their own. Instances of academic dishonesty such as cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Please review the current catalog for further information on academic dishonesty and disciplinary procedures. These policies will be enforced!

COURSE MATERIAL AND POTENTIAL GRADING ERRORS

All course material will be destroyed soon after the beginning of the next semester. All papers, exams, etc. not picked up by that time will be destroyed. If you believe there is an error in the computation of your grade, you should see me quickly after the end of this semester and prior to the beginning of the next semester when all of the course material is destroyed. Do not wait until the next semester begins to bring up issues that are dependent upon materials that will be destroyed. No grade will be changed based on undocumented memory.

DISABILITY

If you experience a disability and would like information about support services, contact Disability Support Services, located in BEB 105, at 786-4530.

INCOMPLETE GRADES

UAA regulations restrict the awarding of the grade of incomplete ("I") to situations such as unavoidable absences or other conditions beyond the control of a student. No grade of "I" will be submitted without the completion of a formal written contract between the student and the instructor. Mere conversations and discussions with the instructor concerning a possible incomplete contract are NOT sufficient. The student is responsible for initiating and completing the actions for such a contract. **You must have a signed and dated incomplete contract in your hand or you do NOT have one.**

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Just/Soc A251 – 602 – Crime and Delinquency – Fall 2009

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Week	Topic	Siegel – Chapter #	Classics of Crim – Article # Extra Credit. () more points
1	Introduction to course – Crime and Criminology	Chapt. 1	65, 49 (2, 3)
2	The nature and extent of crime	Chapt. 2	7, 8, 46
3	No classes Monday and Tuesday Sept 7 – 8 Labor Day		
4	Victims and Victimization and Review for Quiz 1	Chapt. 3	5 (60, 61)
5	Monday Sept. 21, 2009 – QUIZ 1	Chapt. 1 – 3	Above only
5	Choice Theory	Chapt. 4	14, 45 (16, 15)
6 – 8	Trait Theories	Chapt. 5	24,19, 21, 20
9 – 10	Social Structure Theories	Chapt. 6	27, 30,31,36 (29, 4, 32)
11 – 12	Social Process Theories	Chapt. 7	34,35,40,41 (33, 38)
13	Monday Nov. 16, 2009 – QUIZ 2 (Review at beginning of class)	Chapt. 4 – 7	Above only
14	Conflict Theory	Chapt. 8	18 (17)
15	Developmental Theories and Review for Final Exam	Chapt. 9	25 (39)
16	Final Exam: Wednesday Dec. 9, 2009 4:00 to 6:45 PM	Chapt. 1 – 9	All

The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus assignments to meet the needs of the class and accommodate guest speakers and field trip opportunities.

All course material will be disposed of soon after the beginning of the next semester.

Course Grade will be available using Blackboard (best choice), or UAOnline about four (<http://uaonline.alaska.edu/>) working days after the final exam. Please do not call for grades. They are posted first to your Blackboard account.

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Thank you for taking my course. I look forward to seeing you in future courses in the Justice program.