

**Upper Iowa University  
External Degree Program**

**CJ 333-05 Criminology**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an analysis of various forms of crime, as well as various elements of the criminal justice system. The emphasis is on theories of crime and juvenile delinquency. Topics will include: street crime, organized crime, white-collar crime and the role of substance abuse in criminality and delinquency. Prerequisite: SOC 110. Same as SOC 333.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the nature and extent of crime and the theoretical approaches to the causes and prevention of crime and juvenile delinquency.
2. Differentiate between the various forms of crime in society.
3. Trace the social and political processes that have impacted philosophies and policies effecting crime and how the public views crime.
4. Analyze the criminal justice system, from the arrest of a criminal, through the court system and into the corrections system.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

1. Siegel, Larry J. Criminology 9<sup>th</sup> Edition 2006. Thomson, Wadsworth.
2. Course syllabus

**You may purchase your textbook through MBS Direct by calling their toll free number at: 800-325-3252 or through the UIU homepage: [www.uiu.edu](http://www.uiu.edu). Click on the link called Resources for Center, External Degree and Online Program learners. Follow the link and select External Degree for your location.**

## **COURSE FORMAT:**

### Unit I Concepts of Crime, Law, and Criminology

- Chapter 1 Crime, Criminology, and the Criminal Law
- Chapter 2 The Nature and Extent of Crime
- Chapter 3 Victims and Victimization

## **EXAM 1**

### Unit II Theories of Crime Causation

- Chapter 4 Choice Theory
- Chapter 5 Trait Theories
- Chapter 6 Social Structure Theories
- Chapter 7 Social Process Theories
- Chapter 8 Conflict Theories: Critical Criminology and Restorative Justice
- Chapter 9 Developmental Theories: Life Course and Latent Trait

## **EXAM 2**

### Unit III Crime Typologies

- Chapter 10 Violent Crime
- Chapter 11 Property Crime
- Chapter 12 Enterprise Crime: White-Collar, Cyber, and Organized Crime
- Chapter 13 Public Order Crime

## **EXAM 3**

### Unit IV The Criminal Justice System

- Chapter 14 The Criminal Justice System
- Chapter 15 Police and Law Enforcement
- Chapter 16 The Judicatory Process
- Chapter 17 Corrections

## **EXAM 4 (FINAL)**

## **COMPOSITION OF GRADE:**

Exams 1-4	200 points
Chapter Assignments 1-17	<u>510</u> points
Total	710 points

Your grade will be determined as follows:

639 – 710	A
568 – 638	B
497 – 567	C
426 – 496	D
0 – 425	F

### **UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY USES A STANDARD GRADING SYSTEM:**

**A** = All work is excellent, shows exceptional understanding of materials; logical, clear, and insightful written and oral work, incorporates knowledge from other sources and moves easily to the next level of understanding, works well beyond minimum requirements.

**B** = Understanding material is good to very good, demonstrates good grasp of material, good oral and written skills, produces more than the minimum requirements, quality of all work is high.

**C** = Satisfactory understanding of the material, submits only the minimum requirements, communicates adequately in oral and written formats, displays an adequate understanding of all basic concepts.

**D** = Quality and quantity written and oral work is below average and barely acceptable.

**F** = Quality and quantity written and oral work is unacceptable.

### **EXAM AND ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:**

Each exam will have a combination of 40 multiple-choice questions worth 1 point each and 2 essay questions worth five points each for a total of 50 points per exam.

The worksheets completed for each chapter will also be a combination of multiple-choice and essay questions with each chapter being worth 30 points.

### **CHEATING, ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND PLAGIARISM:**

Because cheating, academic dishonesty and plagiarism are affronts to the University community as a whole and a denial of the offender's own integrity, they will not be tolerated. Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- the use of unauthorized books, notes or other sources in the giving or securing of help in an examination or other course assignments,
- the copying of other students' work or allowing others to copy your work,
- the submission of work that is not your own or allowing others to submit your work as theirs,
- the submission of the same work for two or more classes without the approval of any instructors involved.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- sharing academic materials knowing they will be used inappropriately,
- having access to another person's work without permission,
- providing false or incomplete information on an academic document,
- changing student records without approval.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- the presentation of another's published or unpublished work as one's own,
- taking words or ideas of another and either copying them or paraphrasing them without proper citation of the source,
- using charts, graphs, statistics or tables without proper citation.

Detected cheating, academic dishonesty, or plagiarism will result in consequences that may, at the instructor's discretion, include course failure. In addition, an offender may be reported to the Senior Vice President for the Extended University, the Dean of the Extended University, or designee for possible disciplinary action, which may include suspension or dismissal from the University. Upper Iowa University may make use of various plagiarism detection services. Individuals, by enrolling in courses offered by the University, consent to submission by the University of course-related assignments to such services and the retention of a copy of such assignments by the service. Extended University Catalog 2004/05 page 85.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Even though a student does not attend a regular classroom in the traditional sense and keep up with a set schedule of assignments, it should be pointed out how important it is to keep yourself on a regular timely schedule if possible to complete and send in units. It is too easy to set work aside and decide to do it later. Suddenly, the need to complete assignments and get them in by deadlines can become stressful and, at times, impossible. The key would be to set time aside on a regular basis and submit work in a timely manner.

### **LIBRARY RESOURCES:**

As a student of Upper Iowa University, you have access to the resources of the Henderson-Wilder Library on the Fayette campus. If travel to the campus is not feasible, you can access the library through the University's website. For InfoTrac access information, please contact the library at [library@uiu.edu](mailto:library@uiu.edu).

### **WITHDRAWAL:**

If you wish to withdraw prior to the last day of the enrollment period you must contact the External Degree office by phone or in writing. After your original six month enrollment period you no longer have the option to withdraw from the course. You must finish the course or have a final grade assigned based on the coursework submitted.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS:**

If you require accommodation for special needs, please provide documentation to: Director of External Degree.

**This syllabus is tentative and subject to change.**