

**UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY
CRIMINOLOGY-CJ/SOC 333
MADISON CAMPUS**

Location

4601 Hammersley Rd. Madison, WI

Course Identification

Criminology, CJ/SOC 333. Three credit course.

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. Same as SOC 333. Prerequisite: SOC 110.

Term Information

Term II, October 26- December 19, 2009
Wednesday Evenings from 5:30pm to 10:00pm from
October 28-December 16 2009.

Instructor Information

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I prefer that you e-mail me with simple questions

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Or you can call if it is complicated - (608) 274-1639 –

Please leave a name, number and a message if I am not available, I do not have caller ID so I will not call you back without a message. No calls after 9 p.m. please!

Biography

I am also a part-time instructor at MATC here in Madison. While I have many areas of interest in sociology, education, race and ethnic studies, and social justice are my main areas of interest.

Required Text

Students will work exclusively with **Criminology, Tenth Edition by Larry Siegel**. The instructor may assign additional readings or materials which will be provided.

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.

Readings/Homework

Each student is responsible to read all assigned materials in the required text (or other homework) that are assigned.

1) Every week you will also be assigned a *critical thought exercise* that will be discussed either in groups in the classroom or through the discussion board on myUIU.

These 8 weekly critical thinking exercises will constitute **40%** of your grade (5% each week). There will be more information shared during the first class meeting.

2) *Virtual exploration on Deviance: Criminal Justice Resources on the World Wide Web* (found @

http://www.wadsworth.com/sociology_d/special_features/virtualtours.html#

this will also be linked through myUIU. Follow the links and answer the questions. Submit your assignment by filling in my e-mail at the end. Virtual exploration will constitute **15%** of your grade and is due by November 11.

Student Project

Each student will be assigned an infamous criminal and required to complete a 3-4 page paper along with a 5 minute power point presentation explaining their paper. After briefly discussing the crimes committed the student should apply theories of criminology to their criminal and give explanations of what they believed caused their behavior. There will be an optional paper writing seminar held following lecture the first night of class. The project will constitute **20%** of your grade and is due December 9.

Exams

The text and lecture materials will be the primary focus of the exams. Students will operate on the honor system and shall not violate Upper Iowa University's code of conduct and behavior. Sharing test answers or plagiarism on homework will not be tolerated and will result in automatic "Failure" in this course. It is the responsibility of the student to complete each exam on the date it is due, without exception. Missing an exam will result in one full letter grade reduction, unless the absence is a true emergency and approved BEFOREHAND by the Instructor or UIU Center Director. Exams will constitute **20%** of your total grade in

this course. Exams will take place on November 18 and December 16.

ATTENDANCE

Note: *Active participation* in all class activities is a component of the grade. Regular and timely attendance is expected. This class is a learning community. While critical thinking and differences in opinions are encouraged, it is the expectation that learners support each other in their education. Participation will constitute **5%** of your grade.

Grading Criteria

Grading for this course will be done on a standard college/university curve and will be based on a 100 point scale:

Grading

A= 95- 100% of all points;
A- = 91 – 95% of all points;
B+ = 88 – 91% of all points;
B- = 85-88% of all points;
C+ = 80-84% of all points;
C- = 75-80% of all points;
D+ = 70-75% of all points;
D- = 65 – 70% of all points;
F= 64% of all points and below

Homework	55%
Student Project	20%
Exams:	20%
Class Participation	5%

Missed Exams/ Late Assignments

Late assignments submitted beyond the deadline will be graded on their face, however, a 1 (one) letter grade reduction will be assessed for each day the assignment is late. The assignments may be e-mailed to me **ONLY** if the student is unable to attend class due to an emergency.

SKILLS

The purpose of the criminal justice major is to prepare the learner to understand the application of research-based theory, legal guidelines, and ethical principles to the practical functioning of the criminal justice system. A learner who has successfully completed this criminal justice course at Upper Iowa University will be expected to:

- Analyze the causality and extent of criminal behavior in the U.S.

ASSIGNMENTS

Criminology Course Schedule Term II October –December 2009

Week One October 28

Introduction and Overview

Project topics assigned

“How-to” seminar on writing papers and making power point presentations (optional)

Reading Assignment: Chapter 1 – Crime and Criminology

Week Two November 4

Reading Assignment Chapter 2 – The Nature and Extent of Crime
Chapter 3 - Victims and Victimization

Week 3 November 11

Reading Assignment Chapter 4 – Rational Choice Theory
Chapter 5 – Trait Theories
Chapter 6 – Social Structure Theories

Virtual exploration assignment Due today

Week 4 November 18

Reading Assignment Chapter 7- Social Process Theories
Chapter 8 – Social Conflict, Critical Criminology
Chapter 9 – Developmental Theories

Quiz 1 Chapters 1-9 (30 multiple choice)

Week 5 November 25

Reading Assignment Chapter 11 – Political Crime and Terrorism
Chapter 13 –Enterprise Crime

Week 6 December 2

Reading Assignment Chapter 14 – Public Order Crime
Chapter 15 – Cyber Crime

Week 7 December 9

Student Project Presentations

Week 8 December 16

Reading Assignment Chapter 16 – Criminal Justice: Process and Perspectives
 Chapter 18 - Punishments and Correction

Quiz 2 Chapters 11, 13-15, 16, 18 (30 multiple choice)

CITATION e.g. Encyclopedias of any kind, including the very popular Wikipedia, are not primary sources and should not be cited or used in constructing academic papers at the graduate or undergraduate level. They can, however, be useful to help gather some background information and to point the way to more reliable sources.

Please discuss any needs for scheduling accommodations with the instructor in advance, unless the situation is an emergency. It is the student's responsibility to arrange to make up for missed content with the instructor. Please review Upper Iowa University Policies on Administrative Withdrawal related to repeated absences.