

Crime and Behavior
CJS-201, Spring 2019

Instructor:

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Section 1 Meets 11:00 - 12:15 M/W SCH 206

Office Hours:

****I am on campus Mondays and Wednesdays**:**

I am usually available before and after my classes
Apart from that, the best times to meet with me are
10:00 - 10:50 a.m. or 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.
Please contact me for an appointment.

Student Info: Students are responsible for checking their ISU e-mail account for between-class announcements and other important communications. Make a note to check your email at least twice a week.

Catalog Description:

Theoretical and conceptual explanations of criminal behavior.

Course Overview:

In this course, students will gain an understanding of the nature, distribution and causes of crime. While the course will delve into criminological theory, it emphasizes a state-of-the-art approach. In addition to broad introductory material, we will explore in some detail important issues of our day. This may include serious violent offending, sex offending, guns, white collar crime, and/or female criminality.

Learning Outcomes and Other Course Policies: (listed at bottom of pdf file)

REQUIRED BOOK to PURCHASE:

Schmalleger, F. Criminology today: An integrative introduction (8th ed.). Columbus, OH: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Additional Readings listed on syllabus (will be available on ReggieNet)

Attendance will be taken for one major purpose: students with excellent attendance records may receive a bump in their grade if their total score in the course is close to the next letter grade.

Use of Laptop Computers is permitted for the purpose of taking notes and class participation. If it appears that students are using laptops for other purposes, this rule may change.

Grading Opportunities and Assignment Due Dates:

The quizzes, midterm and final exams will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions based on lectures and reading assignments.

I.	Online Quiz #1 Crime Definitions	10%	Closes Fri. Jan. 25, 9:00 pm
II.	Topics due > For International Day		Mon. Feb. 4 by class time Send email to jsavag1@ilstu.edu
III.	Bring a hard copy of a news story about a crime that occurred for an exercise about causes/correlates of crime		Mon. Feb. 4
IV.	Online Quiz #2 Correlates of Crime	10%	Closes Fri. Feb. 8, 9:00 pm
V.	In-class Midterm Exam	25%	in class Wed. Feb. 20
VI.	International Day Presentation	10%	Feb. 27-March 4
VII.	In-class Quiz Criminological Theories	10%	Mon. April 15
VI.	Final Exam	25%	TBA
VII.	Reading Responses	10%	

You are expected to Pass FIVE Reading Responses over the course of the semester. Reading Responses will be graded Pass/Fail. You will receive 2 points for each Pass. See list below.

Reading Responses

Pick five from the list below.

All Reading Responses Due on FRIDAYS

Interface closes 9:00 pm

	Date Available	Due Date
Welsh & Farrington, 2011 Evidence-Based Crime Policy	Jan. 14	Jan. 25
Krasnovsky & Lane, 1998 Shoplifting	Jan. 14	Jan. 25
Schaffner, 2007 Violence Against Girls Provokes Girls' Violence	Jan. 14	Feb. 1
Cullen et al., 2008 Parenting and Self- Control	Feb. 18	March 1
Bernard, 1990 Angry Aggression Among the Truly Disadvantaged	Feb. 18	March 8
Sykes & Matza, 1957 Techniques of Neutralization	Feb. 18	March 8
Valkenburg et al., 2011 Media Effects	Feb. 18	March 8

GRADING PERIOD:

YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL WHEN YOU HAVE PASSED 4 READING RESPONSES

Wilson & Kelling, 1982 Broken Windows	March 11	March 29
Nguyen & Pontell, 2010 Mortgage Origination Fraud	March 11	March 29
Post, 2003 The Terrorists in Their Own Words	March 11	April 12
Goldstein et al., 1989 Crack and Homicide in New York City	March 11	April 12

Preliminary Schedule and Assignments: (may change)

Week 1

Mon. Jan. 14
Introductory Lecture

Wed. Jan. 16
Crime Definitions

Week 1 Readings:
* Chapter 1 Schmallegger
(What is Criminology)

Week 2

Mon. Jan. 21 – MLK Holiday, no class

Wed. Jan. 23
Crime Definitions

Week 2 Assignments:
* Read Handout: Crime Definitions
* Welsh & Farrington (2011) Evidence-based crime policy
* Prepare for and take online quiz #1
(Crime Definitions)

Week 3

Mon. Jan. 28 – 30
Correlates of Crime

Week 3 Assignments:
* Chapter 12 Schmallegger
(Crimes Against Property)

Week 4

Mon. Feb. 4
Correlates of Crime
Transition: Correlates to Causes
In-class Exercise: Correlates to Causes

Wed. Feb. 6
Causes of Crime (The Person)

Week 4 Assignments
* Chapter 5 Schmallegger (Biology)
* Topics due for International Day
send by email
* Monday Feb. 4 bring a hard copy of a news story about a crime that occurred for an exercise about causes/correlates of crime
Prepare for and take Quiz #2
(Correlates of Crime)

Week 5

Mon. Feb. 11
Child Development

Wed. Feb. 13
TBA
Review sheet for Midterm will be available

Week 5 assignments:
Work on any open Reading Responses
Prepare for Exam next week

Week 6

Mon. Feb. 18
Midterm Review

Wed. Feb. 20
Midterm Exam

Week 6 Assignments:
* Chapter 7 Schmallegger section on "Strain Theory" beginning p. 164
* Prepare presentation for International Day next week

Week 7

Mon. Feb. 25

TBA

Wed. Feb. 27

International Day I

Week 7 Assignments:
Work on any open Reading Responses
Prepare for Exam

Week 8

Mon. March 4

International Day II

Wed. March 6

Causes of Crime (Consequences)

Week 8 Readings:

- * Bernard, 1990 Angry Aggression
- * Sykes & Matza 1957 Techniques of Neutralization
- * Chapter 8 Schmalleger
(Theories of Social Process and Social Development)

Spring Break March 11-15

No Class

Week 9

Mon. March 18

Causes of Crime (Strain)

Wed. March 20

Causes of Crime Learning
(Media Violence Example)

Week 9 Readings:

- * Chapter 7 Schmalleger
(Social Structure Theories)
- * Wilson & Kelling, 1982 Broken Windows

Week 10

Mon. March 25

TBA

Wed. March 27

Informal Social Control

Week 10 Assignments:
Work on open reading responses

Week 11

Mon. April 1-3

Conflict Theory/White Collar Crime

Week 11 Readings:

- * Chapter 9 (Social Conflict Theories)

Week 12

Mon. April 8

Causes of Crime (Neighborhoods and Opportunity)

Wed. April 10

TBA

Week 12 Assignments:

- * Nguyen & Pontell, 2010 Mortgage Origination Fraud
 - * Prepare for in-class quiz next week
 - * Last Reading Responses
- Close April 12

Week 13

Mon. April 15

In class Quiz: Criminological Theories
Lecture: TBA

Wed. April 17

TBA

Week 13 Readings:
* Chapter 14 Schmallegger
(Drug and Sex Crimes)

Week 14

Mon. April 22

Connecting Criminology to Policy: Gun
Control Example

Wed. April 24

Terrorism
Review Sheet for Final Exam will be
available

Week 14 Assignments:
Start preparing for Final Exam

Other Course Policies

Students who experience a death in the family or other emergency which necessitates prolonged absence from class may contact the Dean of Student's Office and they will contact your professors for you.

Website: Deanofstudents.illinoisstate.edu

Contact: 438-2008

DeanofStudents@ilstu.edu

Any student needing to arrange a reasonable accommodation for a documented disability and/or medical/mental health condition should contact Student Access and Accommodation Services at 350 Fell Hall, (309) 438-5853, or visit the website StudentAccess.IllinoisState.edu

The Department adheres to the University's Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy

The Department adheres to the University's Code of Student Conduct Academic Integrity Policy in matters of academic dishonesty. You should understand that plagiarism includes a variety of dishonest behavior such as borrowing text verbatim in a written assignment without quoting or attributing the source. If you have any questions about plagiarism, please see the instructor. It is better to ask than to make a serious mistake.

Learning Outcomes:

The following learning outcomes come from a list of learning outcomes agreed upon by the Department of Criminal Justice Sciences. This is not a complete list; only the items relevant to this course are included.

Week 15

Mon. April 29

Review for Final Exam

Wed. May 1

NO CLASS

Week 14 Readings:
no new readings

Final Exam Date

Will be available from the University
mid-semester

Theory: Students will be able to recognize and demonstrate the **major theoretical perspectives** of criminology/criminal justice, as well as identify the social policy implications of these perspectives.

Human Behavior: Students will understand the role of **human behavior** and diversity in relation to offending, victimization, and responding to crime.

Oral & Written Communication: Students will demonstrate proficiency in **oral and written communication skills**, including appropriate use of presentation techniques.

Information: Students will be able to **acquire**, evaluate, **and utilize sources of information**, including online and archival content.

Critical Inquiry and Problem Solving: Students will be able to conceptualize and define the nature of a problem, acquiring and applying necessary information, and assessing the quality of the solution(s). [**critical thinking**]