

CJ112– CRIMINOLOGY
Bellevue College-Criminal Justice Program

Spring 2015

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Office hours: M/W, 7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.
T/TH, 9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.
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Class meets: T/TH, 10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Rm D103
Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Rm D103

Required Text: *Criminology: The Core (4th Edition)*. By Larry J. Siegel

I. Course Description:

The course is designed to make students aware that the objective of Criminology is the development of a body of general and verified principles and of other types of knowledge regarding the process of law, crime, and treatment or prevention. These bodies of knowledge are constructed from study and analysis conducted in accordance with the scientific principles of research methodology. At the end of the course, you should have a good understanding of crime and criminology. This knowledge will enable you to view the relevant issues surrounding the question of criminal behavior from more than one perspective.

II. Class Format:

This class will be a combination of lectures and class discussions. You are responsible for coming to class prepared (i.e., having read the assigned material) to actively participate in class discussions. We will spend a considerable amount of time discussing cases and theories included in the materials and practical applications of class material. It is my intention to cultivate a classroom environment in which each of us feels free to express opinions and ask questions. Opinions expressed by students must be supported by social, legal, economic and/or political arguments. We do not discuss to demonstrate whether we are right or wrong. Rather, it is an exercise to develop a broader understanding of the complexities of theories. DISRESPECT IN ANY FORM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

III. Grading:

Your grade will be based upon a total of 400 points (three exams at 100 points each and one five-page research paper at 100 points). These points will be a reflection of exams, the completion of paper and class participation. The grading scale is as follows:

100%-97%	A
96%-93%	A-
92%-89%	B+
88%-85%	B
84%-81%	B-
80%-77%	C+
76%-73%	C
72%-69%	C-
68%-65%	D+
64%-61%	D
60% and below	F

IV. Assignments:

1. PARTICIPATION

Participation is key to your understanding of concepts discussed in this course.

Understanding or mastery of concepts may be demonstrated by appropriate application of criminological theories during classroom discussions. Students may have their grades increased by 1/3 through active participation.

2. EXAMS 300 points

There will be three exams during the quarter, consisting of two midterms (100 points each) and a final (100 points). The exams are not cumulative. Each exam will include material from the book and class lectures. Material from the book will be covered even if we have not discussed it in class. The exams will be in-class, closed-book, and consist of multiple choice and essay questions. I will conduct a thorough review the day before the exam in class. **No make-up exams will be allowed unless you have a medical emergency, with proof.** **BRING A BLUE BOOK AND A PEN TO CLASS FOR EXAMS.**

3. RESEARCH PAPER ON A SPECIFIC CRIMINOLOGICAL BEHAVIOR (I.E. SERIAL KILLER, HABITUAL FELON, ETC.) 100 points

At the beginning of the Fifth Week, an assignment sheet will be handed out describing structure and requirements for the paper.

V. Course Rules:

1. **Cheating.** Students are expected to do their own work. This includes not just copying things verbatim off the Internet. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. See a full statement of my policy on this at the end of this syllabus.
2. **Disability Support.** If you require special accommodation based on a documented disability, or need special arrangements in case of emergency evacuation, or have other special medical information that needs to be taken into account, please bring me documentation to that effect from the Disability Resource Center, B132, the first week of class. You can make these arrangements through advisors/counselors by calling 425-564-2498.
3. **Cell Phones and Other Devices.** Cell phones, paging and other such devices must be turned off in class; you may not bring them to the exams. Cell phones or other electronic devices that are visible during exams will be considered prima facie evidence that you are cheating.
4. **Lap Tops:** Lap Tops are permitted in class for note taking purposes only.
5. **Late Papers:** Late papers will be downgraded at 25% per day. They may not be submitted by email attachment.

<u>Course Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
<u>WEEK 1</u>		
Apr. 7, 9, 10	Crime and Criminology The Nature and Extent of Crime	Ch. 1 and start Ch. 2
<u>WEEK 2</u>		
Apr. 14, 16, 17	The Nature and Extent of Crime (Cont'd) Victims and Victimization	Chapters 2 and 3
<u>WEEK 3</u>		
Apr. 21, 23, 24	Choice Theory: Because They Want To	Ch. 4
<u>WEEK 4</u>		
Apr. 28, 30 May 1	Choice Theory: Because They Want To (Cont'd) Trait Theory	Ch. 4 and start Ch. 5
May 1	Midterm, in class, 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.	

WEEK 5

May 5

Assign Paper

Due Date: June 5 at the beginning of class

May 5, 7, 8

Trait Theory (Cont'd)
Social Structure TheoryCh. 5 and start
Ch. 6**WEEK 6**

May 12, 14, 15

Social Structure Theory (Cont'd)

Ch. 6

WEEK 7

May 19, 21, 22

Social Process Theory

Ch. 7

WEEK 8

May 26, 28, 29

Social Process Theory (Cont'd)
Social Conflict and Critical CriminologyCh. 7 and start
Ch. 8

May 29

Midterm Two, in class, 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.**WEEK 9**

June 2, 4, 5

Social Conflict and Critical Criminology
(Cont'd)
Developmental Theories: Live-Course
And Latent TraitCh. 8
and start
Ch. 9

June 5

Paper Due at the beginning of class

WEEK 10

June 9, 11, 12

Developmental Theories: Live-Course
And Latent Trait (Cont'd)
Violent Crime: Personal and PoliticalCh. 9
and start
Ch. 10**WEEK 11**

June 16

Violent Crime: Personal and Political
(Cont'd)

Ch. 10

Thursday, June 18

Final Exam, in class, 9:30 a.m. - 11:20 a.m**POLICY REGARDING CHEATING, STEALING AND PLAGIARISM**

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying answers on exams, glancing at nearby exams, turning in assignments or papers that have been used in other classes, and giving

or receiving help during an exam. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, purchasing or selling notes, assignments or examination materials.

Stealing includes, but is not limited to, taking the text, notes, exams, library books or other personal property of others without their permission.

Plagiarism is presenting the words, ideas, and/or work of others as if it is an individual's own work. It includes, but is not limited to, using other's papers as one's own and including parts of published works without giving credit where credit is due.

If you choose to cheat, steal or plagiarize, the following actions will be taken: You will receive a zero for the assignment. You may receive a failing grade for the course.