

# CRIMINOLOGY

Criminal Justice&112: item # 5018

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**Dates: 9/23/13-12/11/13**

**Room: D-103**

**Class: T/Th 12:30-2:20pm and online**

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**Hours: T/TH 10:30am-12:20pm & by appt.**

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**Required Text:** Criminology: The Core (4<sup>th</sup> Edition). By Larry J. Siegel. ISBN: 978-0-495-80983-8

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES AND CONTENT:**

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.

To accomplish these broad objectives, the course will be divided into three parts. Each part is necessary in order to adequately study crime and the theories that explain it.

1. The first part of the course will be dedicated to understanding what criminology is and how it came to be something that we study.
2. Second, we will examine all of the major theories in criminology. These theories explain crime as a social phenomena and individual criminal behavior in many different ways. Some theories explain criminal behavior as a deficiency in the individual, while others explain that crime occurs because of inadequacies within society.
3. The course will end with a more applied approach to study of crime. We will discuss different types of crime, and how these types can be explained using our theories from the previous section.
4. We will study various serial killers through video, discussion, and other sources. By looking at the criminological theories and applying if these theories give us any insight into serial killers lives/minds/background.

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.

## **ASSIGNED READINGS:**

Readings for this course will be assigned from chapters in the texts. Reading assignments will be discussed extensively in class as the course develops.

**Schedule:** The following schedule is tentative and may be modified with notice. Students are responsible for ANY and ALL changes that are made to this schedule, even if not present when changes are discussed.

9/24 Introduction to course and expectations (syllabus)

## **PART 1: UNDERSTANDING CRIMINOLOGY 9/23-10/4 (Week 1-2)**

Chapter 1. Crime and Criminology

Chapter 2. The Nature and Extent of Crime

Chapter 3. Victims and Victimization

## **PART II: THEORIES OF CRIME CAUSATION 10/7-11/1 (Week 3-6)**

### **Tuesday 10/8 Quiz #1- Chapters (chapters 1-3)**

Chapter 4. Choice Theory: Because They Want To  
Chapter 5. Trait Theory  
Chapter 6. Social Structure Theory

## **PART III: CRIME TYPOLOGIES 11/4-11/29 (Week 7-10)**

### **Tuesday 11/5 Quiz #2- Chapters 4-6**

Chapter 7. Social Process Theory  
Chapter 8. Social Conflict and Critical Criminology  
Chapter 9. Developmental Theories: Life-Course and Latent Trait

### **Thursday 11/21 Quiz #3 chapters 7-9**

### **11/26 & 11/28 NO CLASS & Thanksgiving Holiday**

## **PART IV: THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM 12/2-12/10 (Week 11-12)**

Chapter 10. Violent Crime: Personal and Political  
Chapter 11 Property Crimes  
Chapter 12 Enterprise Crimes

### **12/10 (Tuesday) Quiz #4-11:30am-1:20pm (chapters 10-12)**

### **GRADING:**

Activities	Points Description	Total Points
Attendance		50
Assignments	3-6 assignments @ 10 points each	30-60
Video Response Questions-Serial Killers	10 assignments @ 10 points each	100
Quizzes	4 @ 30 points each	120
	<b>Total Points:</b>	<b>300-330</b>

A	94-100%	A-	90-93%	B+	87-89%
B	84-86%	B-	80-83%	C+	77-79%
C	74-76%	C-	70-73%	D+	67-69%
D	60-66%	F	0-59%		

**Academic Etiquette:** Class begins promptly at 12:30pm. Please make every effort to be in class and to be here on time. If it is unavoidable that you arrive late- or even leave early- please do not disrupt the class. **Respect for opinions voiced in class is essential, and I expect all students to treat each other courteously.** Any type of disruptive or discourteous behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated; these types of behaviors will result in the student(s) being asked to leave the class. **Class "No No's":** cell phones must be turned off for class (or on vibrate for emergency purposes) and stored (phones should be in your bag, purse, NOT ON YOUR DESK), (if they go off you may be leading a class discussion or be asked to leave the class). **Laptops are permitted in the last row only.** If you are not taking notes, you will be banned from use of your laptop (no Facebook, checking e-mail, etc. PLEASE DO IT ON YOUR OWN TIME).

**Affirmation of Inclusion:** Bellevue College is committed to maintaining an environment in which every member of the campus community feels welcome to participate in the life of the college, free from harassment and discrimination. We value our different backgrounds at Bellevue College, and students, faculty, staff members, and administrators are to treat one another with dignity and respect.

**Academic Integrity:** *Plagiarism or cheating of ANY kind will not be tolerated and will result in failing the test and/or the course as well as other disciplinary action (see Bellevue College Handbook, Academic Dishonesty).* If you are at any time unclear about what constitutes plagiarism or cheating, see me ASAP. In all instances, you must do your own work.

**Attendance:** All students are expected to attend every class. Obviously, if students do not attend class regularly, the opportunity to perform well in this course is greatly diminished.

**Students with Disabilities:** I am committed to providing assistance to help you be successful in this course. If you require accommodation based on a documented disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case of emergency evacuation; please make an appointment with DRC (Disability Resource Center.) If you would like to inquire about becoming a DRC student, you may call 564-2498 or go in person to the DRC program office in B132.

**Course Requirements:** All students are expected to read the required chapters of the textbook as outlined in the schedule section of this syllabus. Students are also expected to attend class regularly, take notes, ask questions, and participate in class discussions.

**Make-up Policy:** Any make-up quizzes or assignments are allowed *only at the discretion of the instructor* and immediate notification from the student is imperative. Additionally, *all* make-up quizzes (for *any un-excused* circumstance) will adhere to the following criteria: 1) administered *only* by the instructor during office hours/or instructor's choosing 2) *cumulative* in nature; and 3) given in an *all-essay* format. Any excused absence (with documentation) will be allowed to take the make-up quiz or assignment without penalty.

**Extra Credit:** As a general rule, there is usually no extra credit available in this introductory level course. I may, however, **at any time during the quarter** provide in-class extra credit opportunities. Obviously, if you are not in class on these days, you are not eligible for these opportunities.

### **Bellevue College E-mail**

All students registered for classes at Bellevue College are entitled to a network and e-mail account. Your student network account can be used to access your student e-mail, log in to computers in labs and classrooms, connect to the BC wireless network and log in to MyBC. To create your account, go to:  
<https://bellevuecollege.edu/sam> .

All e-mail communication from you should come to me from your BC account (not your g-mail, hotmail, yahoo, etc.). Please e-mail me through CANVAS for the quickest reply. I will respond to you within 24-48 hours (except on weekends). BC offers a wide variety of computer and learning labs to enhance learning and student success. Find current campus locations for all student labs by visiting the [Computing Services website](#).

### **Public Safety**

The Bellevue College (BC) Public Safety Department's well trained and courteous non-commissioned staff provides personal safety, security, crime prevention, preliminary investigations, and other services to the campus community, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Their phone number is 425.564.2400. The Public Safety website is your one-stop resource for campus emergency preparedness information, campus closure announcements and critical information in the event of an emergency. Public Safety is located in K100 and on the web at: <http://bellevuecollege.edu/publicsafety/>

### **Cheating, Stealing and Plagiarizing\***

Cheating, stealing and plagiarizing (using the ideas or words of another as one's own without crediting the source) and inappropriate/disruptive classroom behavior are violations of the Student Code of Conduct at Bellevue College. Examples of unacceptable behavior include, but are not limited to: talking out of turn, arriving late or leaving early without a valid reason, allowing cell phones/pagers to ring, and inappropriate behavior toward the instructor or classmates. The instructor can refer any violation of the Student Code of Conduct to the Dean of Student Services for possible probation or suspension from Bellevue College. Specific student rights, responsibilities and appeal procedures are listed in the Student Code of Conduct, available in the office of the Dean of Student Services.

### **Incomplete**

If a student fails to complete all the required work for a course, an instructor may assign the grade of Incomplete ("I"). The student must complete the coursework by the end of the next quarter, or receive the assigned letter grade (usually an "F").

### **F Grade**

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

### **Final Examination Schedule**

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

### **Withdrawal From Class**

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

### **Hardship Withdrawal**

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

### **Distribution of Grades**

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

### **Return of Papers and Tests**

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

