COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD

Number: SOC G160  
TITLE: Sociology of Criminology

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EFF TERM: Fall 2016

FORMERLY KNOWN AS:  
DATE OF OUTLINE/REVIEW: 10-06-2015

CROSS LISTED COURSE:  
TOP NO: 2208.00
CID: SOCI 160

SEMESTER UNITS: 3.0
HRS LEC: 54.0  HRS LAB: 0.0  HRS OTHER: 0.0
CONTACT HRS TOTAL: 54.0
STUDY NON-CONTACT HRS RECOMMENDED: 108.0

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Sociological analysis of crime, criminal behavior, and the criminal justice system. Explores the history and social construction of crime and criminality and examines the definition of crime and its violations as well as the laws and methods used to control criminal behavior. Discuss measurement of crime and basic theoretical explanations of criminal behavior.

JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE:

PREREQUISITES:

COREQUISITES:

ADVISORIES:

ASSIGNED DISCIPLINES:

Sociology

MATERIAL FEE: Yes [ ] No [X] Amount: $0.00

CREDIT STATUS: Noncredit [ ] Credit - Degree Applicable [X] Credit - Not Degree Applicable [ ]

GRADING POLICY: Pass/No Pass [X] Standard Letter [X] Not Graded [ ] Satisfactory Progress [ ]

OPEN ENTRY/OPEN EXIT: Yes [ ] No [X]

TRANSFER STATUS: CSU Transferable[ ] UC/CSU Transferable[X] Not Transferable[ ]

BASIC SKILLS STATUS: Yes [ ] No [X]  
LEVELS BELOW TRANSFER: Not Applicable

CALIFORNIA CLASSIFICATION CODES: Y - Not Applicable

NON CREDIT COURSE CATEGORY: Y - Not applicable, Credit Course

OCCUPATIONAL (SAM) CODE: E

REPEATABLE ACCORDING TO STATE GUIDELINES: No [X] Yes [ ] NUMBER REPEATS:

REQUIRED FOR DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE: No [X] Yes [ ]

GE AND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS MET:

CSU GE Area D: Social, Political, and Economic Institutions
  D10 - Sociology and Criminology

GWC AA - Area D Social, Political, and Economic Institutions
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COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) Supported by this course:
1. Assess various types of intervention and prevention programs developed to reduce criminal behavior.

2. Define the major concepts in criminology, particularly the concept of social norms and why they exist in all cultures as a way to maintain social control.

3. Compare and contrast the sociological theories used to explain crime and criminal behavior.

4. Compare and contrast the principles, procedures, and methods used by sociologists in the collection of crime-related data.

5. Analyze criminal patterns and trends including society’s means and methods for addressing crime: Examine the role of the police, courts, and corrections as a means to enforce, sanction, and punish criminal acts.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Define the major concepts in criminology.

2. Define the concept of social norms and explain why they exist in all cultures as a way to maintain social control.

3. Compare and contrast the sociological theories used to explain crime and criminal behavior.

4. Describe examples that illustrate the major criminology theories.

5. Compare and contrast the principles, procedures, and methods used by sociologists in the collection of crime-related data.

6. Analyze criminal patterns and trends.

7. Analyze society’s means and methods of addressing criminal behavior.

8. Analyze crime rates and variations of criminality as they exist historically and cross-culturally and propose explanations for these variations.

9. Examine the role of the police, courts, and corrections as a means to enforce, sanction, and punish criminal acts.

10. Analyze the legal and criminal justice system as a social institution.

11. Define and identify the types of crime and the people who commit them.

12. Differentiate between actual crime and perceptions of crime.

13. Analyze how race, gender, sexual orientation, age and class affect arrest, charging, and sentencing.

14. Assess various types of intervention and prevention programs developed to reduce criminal behavior.

**COURSE CONTENT:**

**LECTURE CONTENT:**

Sociological analysis of crime, criminal behavior, and the criminal justice system. Explores the history and social construction of crime and criminality and examines the definition of crime and its violations as well as the laws and methods used to control criminal behavior. Discuss measurement of crime and basic theoretical explanations of criminal behavior.

Topics include:

- Major sociological theories of crime
- Definition and social construction of crime
- History of criminal law, policing, punishment and corrections
- Types of crime
- Crime data and social research on crime
- Crime intervention and prevention
- Criminal sentencing and incarceration
- Race, ethnicity, gender, age, class, sexuality, and crime
- Deviance and social control
Victims and Victimization
Violent and property crime
White-collar and organized crime
Crime and substance abuse
Police, law enforcement, and the court system
Competing perspectives on due process and criminal control models
Issues in crime and criminal justice system

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:
A. Lecture:
B. Online:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
Reading Assignments
Textbook and current case studies.

Out-of-class Assignments
May involve visiting criminal justice facilities.

Writing Assignments
Journals and other written observations.

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:
Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Short Quizzes
Written Assignments
Essay Examinations
Objective Examinations
Report
Projects (ind/group)
Problem Solving Exercises
Oral Presentations
Skills Demonstration

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:
Report writing and research paper.

Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:
Research paper.

TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:
TextBooks:

LIBRARY:
Adequate library resources include:
Comments:

Attachments:
Attached Files