SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR 2780

Fall 2012

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Class Times: M,W,F, 9:00-9:50
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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to introduce the student to the concepts of deviance, deviant behavior and the sanctions associated with these concepts. Specifically, this class will deal with the following issues; alcohol and drug use/abuse, criminal behavior, mental illness, sexuality, and a variety of theoretical explanations of these behaviors.

Course Objectives:

1) My primary goal is to equip you with an in-depth understanding of deviant behavior from a sociological perspective.

2) The second is to improve your ability to sort out important facts, retain those facts, and be able to apply them appropriately in logical arguments.

3) The last goal will be to further develop your analytic skills.

The first goal can be accomplished by regular class attendance and participation. The second and third goals will be accomplished by adequately meeting the class requirements/assignments.

Text:
Goode, Erich
2011 DEVIANT BEHAVIOR. 9th Edition. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

Grading Scale for this Class is:

90 - 100 = A
80 - 89 = B
70 - 79 = C
60 - 69 = D
0 - 59 = F

Examinations:
Grading will be based upon three objective (both multiple guess & true and false) examinations, each being worth 100 points and constituting one third of the grade. The examinations will cover both the readings and lectures. Please take note--it will be important to attend class and take notes as you will be responsible for material which is covered in lecture, but **will not** be found in the text.

Make-up Examinations:
All make-up exams, regardless of the rationale, will be given at 7:00 a.m. on the last day of the semester and will consist of both multiple choice and essay questions. You must contact me within one week of the scheduled exam to indicate that you would like to take the make-up exam at the end of the semester. Please take this policy seriously as I will make no exceptions.

Attendance:
I strongly encourage you to attend class regularly as doing so will clearly be beneficial. Moreover, class attendance will be used in deciding border-line grades.

Class Participation/Discussion:
Even though I will be lecturing most of the time, everyone is expected to have read the assigned material and be prepared to discuss it. If you have a comment you would like to interject which is pertinent to the material being covered, make me aware of this fact in a polite fashion and by all means share your insights, experiences, and opinions with myself and your fellow students.

I will do what is in my power to communicate the course material clearly to you and provide you with the tools necessary to do well in this class. However, you are responsible for making a serious and concerted effort to understand the assigned material. I am not clairvoyant, if the readings or lecture are confusing to you, I expect you to seek clarification. Toward this end, you are responsible for asking questions during class or office hours.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT:

DO NOT **TALK** during class!
DO NOT **Arrive late or leave during** class
DO NOT **send or receive text messages**

Consequences of Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and my be punished by failure on exam; failure of the course; and/or expulsion from the university. For more information refer to the guidelines "Academic Integrity Standards at Eastern Illinois University" posted in the classroom.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with documented disabilities are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services (581-6583) if they wish to discuss any necessary academic accommodations.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY STATEMENT

For medical emergencies, go to the nearest phone and call 911. All faculty offices have telephones and during normal business hours (8-12 and 1-4:30), the Sociology Office (Blair 3170) is open. Be sure to state the floor and room number of the emergency to the 911 operator. If possible, someone should go to the central entrance of Blair Hall to direct EMS personnel to the medical emergency scene. If the medical emergency is on the second or third floor, someone else should hold the elevator on the first floor for EMS use.

TORNADO STATEMENT

In case of a tornado warning, proceed to the center of the hallway on the first floor, near the posted severe weather signs. Under no circumstances should you attempt to leave the building.

BUILDING FIRE STATEMENT

In case of fire, activate the fire alarm and exit the building. When a fire alarm sounds, everyone must exit the building and cannot re-enter the building until allowed by the building coordinator or fire department official. Fire alarms are located at the north and south ends of the corridors just inside the fire doors. The closes exits for all classrooms in Blair are on the north and south ends of the building. Under no circumstance should the elevator be used. Group assembly areas for all classes in Blair are either on the patio area between Blair and Old Main or on the southeast corner of the North Quad. As you exit the building, continue moving well away from the exits so that you do not impede the egress of other students of the work of fire officials. Move a safe distance away from the building.

Tentative Course Outline:

Is just that--tentative--which means the student will be responsible for attending class, thus keeping up with the material and assignments each week. You will be given ample time (at least one week) advance notice of all tests and/or assignments which will be graded.

Course Content:

Introduction

Chpt. 1: What is Deviance?

Chpt. 2: Explaining Deviant Behavior: Positivist Theories

Chpt. 3: Constructionist Perspectives of Deviance/Review Exam I

EXAM I

Chpt. 5: Functionalist, Conflict, and Symbolic Interaction Theories

Chpt. 7: Alcohol Use and Alcoholism

Chpt. 8: Illicit Drug Use

Exam II

Chpt. 9: Heterosexual Deviance: Prostitution and Pornography

Lecture The Gang Phenomenon in Illinois!

FINAL EXAM: Tuesday**, December 11th 8:00-10:00. All students must take the final during the scheduled day and time. No exceptions!!**