

CRIMINOLOGY 2761 Section 1
SPRING 2008

Course Title: Criminology
Course Number: 2761 001
Class Times: 0800-0850 MWF
Class Location: Blair Hall 3103

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will introduce the student to Criminology by use of relevant current events in addition to lecture and selected readings. Specifically, criminology focuses on the role of crime in organized society, the nature and causes of crime and criminal behavior, and the relationships between crime and social behavior. I will also encourage you to bring relevant information to class for discussion and debate.

The course's objectives are to equip you with an introductory understanding of Criminological theory. We will approach these objectives through lecture, class discussion, writing assignments and information found in the text.

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

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

You will be able to accomplish the first goal by regular class attendance and participation. The second and third will be accomplished by adequately meeting the class requirements/assignments

Text:

Adler, Freda, Mueller, Gerhard O. W., Laufer, William S., (2007) *Criminology and the Criminal Justice System*. McGraw-Hill.

Examinations:

You will be given tests covering the different course sections and short writing assignments (number to be determined).

All assignments must be typed using number 12 font and double spaced. Late assignments will not be accepted and will result in a zero grade for the assignment.

Tests will be based on the course objectives and will be (multiple choice/guess), true and false examinations. 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 the material which is covered in lectures, but will not be found in the text.

Missed tests will be counted as a zero. In case of a serious need to be absent on a test day, and if I agree **in advance**, an alternate test can be arranged.

Tests will be worth most of the class grade. Attendance and participation will be used to augment borderline grades.

The grading scale:	100 – 90	A
	89 – 80	B
	79 – 70	C
	69 – 60	D
	59 and Below	F

Class Discussion:

Even though this is a lecture based course everyone will be expected to have read his or her assignments and be prepared to discuss the material.

Lecture notes will be placed on the WebCT system. **Students can print the slides and use the slides as a guide for note taking during class-this is encouraged.**

Consequences of Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on exam, paper or project; 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

Classroom Conduct:

Do not talk during the class

Do not arrive late to class

Do not leave trash in the class

Be respectful of your classmates and their opportunity to learn.

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. If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible

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 or the work of fire officials. Move a safe distance away from the building.

Tentative Course Outline:

This tentative outline means that 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 of advance notice) to prepare for all tests and/or assignments which will be graded.

Course Content:

Introduction to the Course

Crime Data and Methods of Research

Individualistic Explanations of Criminal Behavior

Sociological Explanations of Criminal Behavior

White Collar Crime

Final Examination: Will be Thursday, May 1, 8:00 to 10:00 am, all students must take the final on the assigned day. There will be no exceptions.