

**SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR 2780 (8:00)**  
Spring 2009

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Class Times: T,T 8:00-9:15

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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

DEVIANT BEHAVIOR. Englewood Cliffs, 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:**

Make-up exams will be given no later than one week following the original test date. You are not required to present a doctor's excuse or develop an elaborate and/or absurd explanation for your absence during an exam. However, if you fail to make up the exam within the week following the date of the exam, you **MUST** present a doctor's excuse or letter from the appropriate office on campus. No verbal explanations, regardless of how true, intricate and/or graphic the details, will be accepted. All exams will consist of both multiple choice and essay questions. If the exam is not taken within one week, and no prior arrangements have been made, an exam score of (0) will be entered in the grade book.

**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 USE YOUR CELL PHONE!**

**DO NOT Arrive Late** to class! The door may be locked 5 minutes after class has started and you will not be allowed in.

### **Consequences of Academic Dishonesty:**

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may 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 closest 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:**

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. 2: What is Deviance?

Chpt. 3: What is to be Explained? Two Approaches to Deviance

Chpt. 4: Explaining Deviant Behavior: Causal Theories/Review Exam I

## **EXAM I**

Chpt. 5: Functionalism Vs. Conflict Theories

Chpt. 7: Drug Use and Deviant Behavior

Chpt. 8: Alcohol Use and Alcoholism

## **Exam II**

Chpt. 9: Heterosexual Deviance: Prostitution and Pornography

Lecture The Gang Phenomenon in Illinois!

**Final Exam** Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> 8:00-10:00. All students must take the exam during the scheduled day and time.