Theories of Crime and Delinquency
SO510
2016

Office Hours
MWF: 10-11am
TTh: 10-11am
By Appt. 2-3pm MF

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Additional Reading Material: To be announced/distributed in class.

Course Description:

This course is a survey of the main developments in criminology including classical and contemporary theories of crime and delinquency. The material includes those theories focusing on the individual in formal and informal, face to face interaction and processes (MICRO-sociological) and those concerned with culture, institutions, structures and entire societies (MACRO-sociological). Currently, the tendency among social scientists and practitioners is to integrate these theoretical levels of analysis (micro and macro) to provide a better understanding of crime and delinquency and to formulate public policies.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of the course students shall be able to:

1. Understand the explanatory limits and possibilities of different theories of crime and delinquency.
2. Explain the macro and micro dimensions of criminological theories.
3. Explain how criminological theories are tested.
4. Understand the basic assumptions of criminological theories.
5. Understand the policy implications of criminological theories.

Procedure: The course will be based on a combination of lecture, class discussion, in-class work, and the use of audio-visual material.

Examinations and Grading System:

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Make-up Policy: No make-up EXAMS will be given except in cases of emergencies or illness for which you can provide verification.