Theories of Crime and Delinquency
SO510
2015

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.

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.

Attendance Policy: I “do not” have an attendance policy. However, missing class could negatively affect your grade because there is NO MAKE-UP FOR IN-CLASS WORK and/or ASSIGNMENTS!!!

Department of Sociology and Anthropology C Policy: Sociology majors, sociology minors, and sociology/anthropology minors MUST have a minimum grade of “C” in this class to satisfy his/her degree plans with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

I. Introduction: What is a Theory? (Read Chapter 1)

II. Theory and Social Policy (Read Chapter 1)

III. The Classical School of Criminology (Review) (Read Chapter 2)

IV. Routine Activity and Rational Choice (Review) (Read Chapter 13)

V. Biosocial Theory (Review) (Read Chapter 14)

VI. Life-Course (Read Chapter 15)

VII. The Chicago School of Criminology (Read Chapter 3)

VIII. Anomie and Strain Theories (Chapter 4)

IX. Social Control Theories (Read Chapters 5 and 6)

X. Labeling Theory (Read Chapter 7)

XI. Conflict Theory (Read Chapter 8)

XII. Critical Theory (Read Chapter 9)

XIII. Feminist Theory (Read Chapter 10)