CRIMINOLOGY
SO 353 Fall 2016

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Textbook: *Criminology: Theories, Patterns, and Typologies* by Larry J. Siegel
Additional material will be distributed/announced in class.

Description: Criminology is the scientific study of crime and criminality. SO 353 provides an integrated view of crime, criminal behavior and other related issues. In this course we will explore the extent and nature of crime in society. We will examine some of the interpretations and explanations provided by criminologists and other social scientists regarding criminal behavior. An effort will be made to go beyond a "fact" oriented approach to the study of crime as to examine the social, political and economic implications of crime.

Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Compare and contrast different perspectives on crime.
2. Understand the political and economic impact of crime in society.
3. Understand some macro and micro factors explaining crime.
4. Apply criminological theories to explain geographical and seasonal patterns of crime.

Procedure: The course will be based on a combination of lectures, class discussion, guest speakers and the use of audio-visual material.

Examinations and Grading System: (**TENTATIVE**)

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Make-up policy: NO MAKE-UPS will be given for IN-CLASS WORK!!!

"Attendance" Policy: I do not have an attendance policy/requirement. However, missing class will negatively affect your grade: NO MAKE-UPS WILL BE GIVEN FOR IN-CLASS WORK including video related activities!!!!

Sociology Majors and Minors: There is a "C" minimum requirement for this class in order to get credit for your degree in Sociology or CDS.

To learn more about our Sociology, Anthropology, and Crime and Delinquency Studies programs visit our website at http://www.emporia.edu/socanth/
COURSE TOPIC OUTLINE (Subject to Change)

I. Introduction

   What is Criminology?
   Criminology, Criminal Justice, Deviance?
   What is a Crime?

II. Theoretical Perspectives in Criminology: An Overview

III. Measuring Crime: A Critical Perspective

   UCR: Uniform Crime Reports
   NCVS: National Crime Victimization Survey
   Self-Report Data

IV. Choice Theories

   Rational Choice
   Situational Crime Prevention

V. Trait Theories

   Biology and Crime
   Psychology and Crime

VI. Social Structure Theories

   Socio-Economic Structure and Crime
   Social Structure and Crime

VII. Social Process Theories

   Developmental Life Course Theory