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Class Meetings: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00pm until 3:15pm in Room A205.

Office Hours: By appointments only. Also, note that the best way to contact me is via email.

Course Description
This course is an overview of major criminological theories. This course is designed to provide the students with an understanding of historical and current criminological perspectives and the foundations upon which criminological policy and research are based. The focus throughout the course will be on developing critical thinking skills when evaluating and critiquing theory, policy and research on crime.

Course Objectives
Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:
- Identify the main propositions and basic concepts of major criminological theories
- Evaluate the adequacy of major criminological theories as explanations of criminal and deviant behavior and/or explanations of the criminal law and justice system
- Summarize the empirical evidence of major criminological theories
- Articulate the criticisms charged against major criminological theories
- Assess the policy usefulness of major criminological theories for controlling and preventing crime and delinquency

Required Text and Equipment

Web Portal Information
Every newly enrolled USF student receives an official USF e-mail account. Students receive official USF correspondence and Canvas course information via that address.

Canvas
I will be using Canvas to post lecture materials, assignments, quizzes, grades, and important announcements. I will also be using Canvas to email students in the course. Accordingly, students are REQUIRED to access Canvas and their USF e-mail account at least twice daily for class announcements and important information.
Canvas Support is available through USFSM E-Learning staff from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Please call or email Carlos Montoya at 941-359-4295/cmmonroya@sar.usf.edu.

The USF Tampa IT Helpdesk also provides 24 hour support for CANVAS. Please call 813-974-1222 or email: help@usf.edu if you need assistance outside of USFSM’s E-Learning hours.

Additionally, information on how to use Canvas is available at http://usfsm.edu/e-learning-services/student-resources/

Laptop Use in Class
Students are welcome to bring their laptops to class EXCEPT on exam dates.

Students with Disabilities
Students are responsible for registering with the Office of Students with Disabilities Services (SDS) in order to receive academic accommodations. Reasonable notice must be given to the SDS office (typically 5 working days) for accommodations to be arranged. It is the responsibility of the student to provide each instructor with a copy of the official Memo of Accommodation. Contact Information: Disability Coordinator, 941-359-4714 http://usfsm.edu/disability-services/

Religious Observances
USFSM recognizes the right of students and faculty to observe major religious holidays. Students who anticipate the necessity of being absent from class for a major religious observance must provide notice of the date(s) to the instructor, in writing, by the second week of classes. Instructors canceling class for a religious observance should have this stated in the syllabus with an appropriate alternative assignment.

Academic Dishonesty
The University considers any form of plagiarism or cheating on exams, projects, or papers to be unacceptable behavior. Please be sure to review the university’s policy in the catalog, USFSM Undergraduate Catalog or USFSM Graduate Catalog and the USF Student Code of Conduct.

Undergraduate: http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/
Graduate: http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/
USF Student Code of Conduct: http://www.sa.usf.edu/srr/page.asp?id=88

Plagiarism Software
The University of South Florida has an account with an automated plagiarism detection service which allows student assignments be checked for plagiarism. The instructor reserves the right to ask students to submit their assignments to Turnitin through Canvas. Assignments are compared automatically with a database of journal articles, web articles, and previously submitted papers. The instructor receives a report showing exactly how a student’s paper was plagiarized.
PLEASE REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM THE BODY OF YOUR PAPER AND REPLACE IT WITH YOUR USF ID#. ALSO REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM THE FILE NAME AND REPLACE IT WITH YOUR USF ID# (e.g., “U12345678 Essay 1.docx”) BEFORE SUBMITTING IT TO TURNITIN.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), prior to submitting work to Turnitin, students are requested to delete any personal information (e.g., name, address, telephone) from the work being submitted. This protects students from having personal information disclosed to vendors or other outside agencies.

Academic Disruption
The University does not tolerate behavior that disrupts the learning process. The policy for addressing academic disruption is included with Academic Dishonesty in the catalog (USFSM Undergraduate Catalog or USFSM Graduate Catalog and the USF Student Code of Conduct).
Undergraduate: http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/
Graduate: http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/Academics/Catalogs/
USF Student Code of Conduct: http://www.sa.usf.edu/srr/page.asp?id=88

Contingency Plans
In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary for USFSM to suspend normal operations. During this time, USFSM may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include but are not limited to: Canvas, Elluminate, Skype, and email messaging and/or an alternate schedule. It’s the responsibility of the student to monitor Canvas site for each class for course specific communication, and the main USFSM and College websites, emails, and MoBull messages for important general information. The USF hotline at 1 (800) 992-4231 is updated with pre-recorded information during an emergency. See the Campus Police Website for further information.

Emergency Preparedness
It is strongly recommended that you become familiar with the USF Sarasota-Manatee Emergency Action Plan on the Safety Preparedness site http://www.sarasota.usf.edu/facilities/SafetyPreparedness.php

Fire Alarm Instructions
At the beginning of each semester please note the emergency exit maps posted in each classroom. These signs are marked with the primary evacuation route (red) and secondary evacuation route (orange) in case the building needs to be evacuated.

Course Requirements and Student Evaluation
Weekly Assignments
There will be eleven (11) weekly assignments in the course. Questions for each assignment are posted at Canvas under the Files tab. Weekly assignments will consist of questions from class lectures and assigned chapters from the textbooks. ASSIGNMENTS
ARE DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS (AT 2PM) ON THURSDAYS. NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**Quizzes**
There will be five (5) quizzes in the course. The quizzes are designed to help students prepare for the exams. Each quiz has 20 questions (True/False and Multiple Choice) and students will have 15 minutes to complete the quiz.

**Exams**
There will be three (3) exams in this course. Each exam consists of matching, true/false, multiple choice, and short essay questions. Exams are not cumulative but they are closed book and will cover lecture materials and readings in the textbook.

**Make-up Exams**
To make-up a missed examination, students must provide a written excuse to the professor as soon as possible. Valid excuses include illness (self or dependent) and bereavement.

**Grading**
Your final grade in this course is as follows:
- Weekly Assignments 15%
- Quizzes 10%
- Exam 1 25%
- Exam 2 25%
- Exam 3 25%
- Total 100%

**Grading Scale**
- A+= 96 and above
- B+= 87-89
- C+= 77-79
- D+= 67-69
- A  = 93-95
- B  = 83-86
- C  = 73-76
- D  = 63-66
- A-= 90-92
- B- = 80-82
- C- = 70-72
- D- = 60-62
- F = 59 or below

Note that extra credits and incompletes will not be granted.

**TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS:**

August 25-31  *The History and Definitions of Crime; Perceptions on Crime, Criminals and Criminal Justice; What is Theory; Types of Criminological Theories; The Measurement of Crime; Sources of Crime Data*
- Lecture #1
- Required Text: Chapter 1
- Assignment #1 is due on Thursday
September 1-7  
*Classical and Positive Schools of Criminology; Deterrence/Rational Choice/Routine Activity Theories*
- Lecture #2
- Required Text: Chapter 2
- Assignment #2 is due on Thursday

September 8-14  
*Positivist Criminology; Psychological Theories; Biological/Biosocial Theories*
- Lecture #3
- Required Text: Chapter 3
- Assignment #3 is due on Thursday
- QUIZ #1 (on Tuesday)

September 15-21  
*Biological/Biosocial Theories (continued); Social Disorganization Theory*
- Lecture #4
- Read the chapters posted at Canvas
- Assignment #4 is due on Thursday

September 22-28  
*Collective Efficacy Theory*
- Lecture #4 (continued)
- Required Text: Chapter 8
- Assignment #5 is due on Thursday
- QUIZ #2 (on Tuesday)

September 30  
EXAM #1

October 2  
EXAM #1

October 6-12  
*Anomie and Strain Theories; Subculture Theories*
- Lecture #5
- Required Text: Chapter 9 (pp. 173-182)
- Assignment #6 is due on Thursday

October 13-19  
*General Strain Theory (GST); Institutional Anomie Theory*
- Lecture #6
- Required Text: Chapter 9 (pp. 183-195)
- Assignment #7 is due on Thursday

October 20-26  
*Differential Association/Social Learning Theories*
- Lecture #7
- Required Text: Chapter 5
- Assignment #8 is due on Thursday
- QUIZ #3 (on Tuesday)
October 27- November 2  
*Control Theories*
- Lecture #8
- Required Text: Chapter 6
- Assignment #9 is due on Thursday

**NOVEMBER 1**  
LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A “W;” NO REFUND; NO ACADEMIC PENALTY

**NOVEMBER 4**  
- QUIZ #4; REVIEW FOR EXAM #2

**NOVEMBER 6**  
- EXAM #2

November 10-16  
*Labeling, Reintegrative Shaming and Defiance Theories*
- Lecture #9
- Required Text: Chapter 7
- Assignment #10 is due on Thursday

November 17-23  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING; Developmental and Lifecourse Theories; Integrated Theories
- Lecture #10 WILL BE POSTED AT CANVAS
- Required Text: Chapter 14
- Submit Assignment #11 at Canvas by 2pm on Thursday

November 24-30  
THANKSGIVING; NO CLASS

**DECEMBER 2**  
- QUIZ #5; REVIEW FOR EXAM #3

**DECEMBER 4**  
- EXAM #3

December 11  
Course Review