UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA
Department of Sociology and Substance Abuse Studies

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SOC 3103, CRN 28048 – Juvenile Delinquency
Syllabus

Monday 4:30-7:15 PM
LA 243

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Course Description: This course discusses juvenile delinquency from a sociological approach and explores the connection between juvenile behavior and society. In particular juvenile behavior as it relates to the individual's family, neighborhood, school, peer group, social class, and overall cultural and social environment.

Course Objectives: When you have successfully completed this course you will:

1. Explain delinquency from a social perspective
2. Understand the problem of defining delinquency
3. Explain the juvenile court process from the arrest of the offender to institutionalization
4. Identify issues related to the prevention and treatment of delinquency
5. Explain various social theories relating to delinquency
6. Understand delinquency in various social areas including the family, school, and the streets.

Course Organization

Reading: We will cover at least one chapter each week beginning with Chapter 1. It is the responsibility of the student to read the assigned material and be prepared for class discussion.

Lectures: Lectures will correspond to the weekly reading assignments. However, the material presented will transcend the text and your presence in class is required.

Class Participation: Your active participation in class is necessary for your full comprehension of the material and for my understanding of your level of comprehension.
**Exams:** There are three scheduled exams in this course. Each exam will cover the chapters, lectures, quizzes, and class discussion immediately preceding the exam date. The exam dates will be announced in class at least one week prior to the test.

**Makeup Exams:** Makeup exams will be allowed at the discretion of the instructor on a case-by-case basis. Your reason for missing an exam should be compelling.

**Quizzes:** There will be four (4) short quizzes administered on D2L. You can access D2L by going to [http://train.uco.edu](http://train.uco.edu) or Uconnect and entering your UCO user name and password. I suggest you enter the site prior to the first quiz and go to the student tutorial link at the bottom of the page to become familiar with D2L.

**Research Paper:** Students will be required to submit a research paper by week 12 (April 8, 2013). See Case Study document for details.

No late work will be accepted. The paper and other assignments must be turned on time. Online assignments must be completed during the schedule time period or by the listed deadlines.

Students caught cheating on an assignment will forfeit that grade. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE. A zero will automatically be given. Students are advised to refer to the UCO Student Code of Conduct for more information. Students do not have permission to sell course lectures or notes.

**Grading Scale:** The points in this course total 480. The grade categories are 90-100%= A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%= C, 60-69%= D, 59% = F.

- Three exams @ 100 pts. ea.…300
- Four Quizzes @ 20 pts. ea.….80
- Research Paper @ 100 pts….100

**Total=480**

**Attendance:** Your presence in class is critical to your understanding of the material and my understanding of your grasp of the principles presented. Therefore it is imperative your attendance be regular and punctual. The professor must excuse absences in excess of three class meetings or a lowering of the final grade by 10 points for each unexcused absence may result.

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**Office Hours:** I can be contacted in my office, (Lib 208F), 405-974-5830, just prior to class or via the course e-mail or my office e-mail at Mjenkins2@uco.edu. In the event of an emergency my cell phone is 405-747-5596.