
Course Objectives: The major goals of this course will include learning current crime statistics, crime theories, as well as examining the criminal acts themselves and victimology. To accomplish these goals we will be using lecture, video (on occasion), and class discussion.

Course Organization

Reading: Reading will be one section per week beginning with Section 1 and will include the article at the back of each section. 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.

Research Paper: Students will be required to submit a research paper by week 12 (April 9, 2013). See Case Study document on D2L for details.

Email: Use the email function within D2L to contact Mr. Jenkins.

Plagiarism: All writing assignments that you submit for this course must either be entirely your own, or properly referenced/cited. Violations constitute plagiarism. Students who plagiarize may receive a failing grade on the assignment and in the course. A case involving plagiarism is usually referred to the *Discipline Committee*, which can recommend in extreme cases dismissal from the University.

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**Quizzes:** There will four (4) short quizzes administered on the D2L class site; 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.

**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. 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. There are no makeups for quizzes.

**Grading Scale:** The total available points in this course are 500. Your earned points will be divided into the total available points to arrive at your grade. The grade categories are 90-100= A, 80-89=B, 70-79= C, 60-69= D, 59 and below =F.

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**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 they may result in the lowering of the final grade by 10 points for each unexcused absence.

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Office Hours: I can be contacted in the office on Thursday just prior to class or via the course e-mail or my personal e-mail at Mjenkins2@uco.edu In the event of an emergency my cell phone is 405-747-5596.