



Introduction to Crime and Criminology
Fall 2015 Course Syllabus

Course Information

<i>Course Number/Section</i>	CRIM1307.001.15F/Class Number 82674
<i>Course Title</i>	Introduction to Crime and Criminology
<i>Term</i>	Fall 2015
<i>Days & Times</i>	Tuesdays 2:30-5:15pm Green Hall Room 2.302
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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

None

Course Description

This course examines the nature, location, and impact of crime in the United States by exploring a broad range of issues related to criminology. Topics focused on within the course include the historical foundations of crime, the theoretical underpinnings of criminality, how we measure criminal acts, the development of criminal careers, the various typologies of offenders and victims, and a critical analysis of public policies concerning crime control in society.

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

This course introduces the student to the discipline of criminology and explores how crime impacts society-at-large. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Use communication skills orally and in written testing to recognize various typologies and theories of criminal behavior.
2. Use critical thinking skills to analyze, evaluate, and identify the general elements of criminological theory and criminal behaviors.
3. Use empirical and quantitative skills to name the major crime data sources.
4. Inform student social responsibility to link general elements of theory to the typologies of crime and public policies concerning crime control.

Required Textbooks and Materials

All Reading/Materials to be purchased at BEGINNING of class:

Required Bundle Textbook: Criminology: The Core, 5th edition PLUS the CourseMate Printed Access Card ISBN: 9781305247871 (this ISBN is for a bundle of BOTH your printed textbook and a pass to online study guide and aids from Cengage—these are

required) *and*

2) **THREE BLANK Scantrons** for exams (**Form No. 882-E ONLY**)—RECOMMENDED PURCHASE ALL TEXTS AT OFF CAMPUS BOOKS ON CAMPBELL RD JUST EAST OF CAMPUS NEAR FUZZY's TACO STAND (free scantrons with book purchase!!).

****Students who do not bring a blank, undamaged scantron on test day will not be able to take the exam and are NOT eligible for make-up exams!!**** The instructor will **NOT** have extra scantrons for your use.

NOTE: **ONLY** get the book editions specified above!!!!!! If you choose to purchase texts through other sources, you do so **at your own risk** (e.g., online, book dealers, etc.)—**please do NOT contact me or your classmates and ask to borrow texts because yours did not come in and you are behind in the class. If you opt not to get the study guide you will be at a significant disadvantage in studying for the challenging theory portions of the class—therefore I state this is a required text.**

Course Policies

Class Attendance/Participation

Please show respect to the instructor, guest speakers, and your fellow students by **being on time!** Class will begin **promptly at 2:30pm**, and roll will be taken each day at the beginning of the class and again after the break at my discretion. Attendance is not required but certainly expected, however **class participation will make up 5% of your final grade and can make the difference in a letter grade.** Simply put, and most importantly to your grade and learning, if you are not here, you will not be able to participate or prepare well for your exams and this will negatively affect your score in this course. I will reward students who attend class with insights into exam questions and other relevant information that will help them to be successful in the class. The instructor reserves the right to also deduct class participation points for negative student behaviors that adversely affect the classroom. Class participation points are only awarded for students who **positively** contribute the class. Students who do not sign in on the attendance sheet will be counted absent for that day—NO EXCEPTIONS. Another classmate may **NOT** sign in for you on roll—this will be considered to be an act of academic dishonesty. Students who attend class will be more engaged, synthesize the material better, and have the opportunity to contribute to the class discussions and earn participation points.

*****After class has begun, please do not enter and disrupt the class or leave the classroom until we have our break at the mid-point of the class period! LATE ADMISSIONS INTO THE CLASS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED—this policy will be enforced to facilitate a positive learning environment for the entire class with minimal disruptions. Before class starts please turn off your cell phones and plan to use the restroom so that you do not need to leave during class time unless it is an EMERGENCY.**

Excused absences are limited to observed religious holidays or official UTD events (athletics, debate, etc.) that students notify me of IN ADVANCE via email or during class time. Students on official UTD business should bring me an official notice from your organization of class conflicts so that alternative arrangements can be made. Students who have a conflict due to religious practices need to get with me at the beginning of the semester and let me know what these dates will be so that alternate arrangements can be made for exams. **I STRONGLY encourage students with a certified disability to come talk to me personally as early in the semester as possible (preferably the first week)**

so we can make arrangements to accommodate your disability fully and discuss strategies to facilitate your learning in the course.

Classroom Citizenship and Participation

Without question, students who are actively engaged learn more, earn better grades, and are better informed citizens of their university and communities. You will also be significantly better prepared for future courses within the Criminology program if this is your major. You are actively encouraged to be an engaged and positive participant in our classroom. Our classroom is a safe space to share your experiences, thoughts, and critiques of criminological research and topics. I encourage critical thinking and welcome open discussions of the material we will review. You may participate via email correspondence to me, visiting with me during office hours, bringing in news articles or stories that relate to our course material, or by asking questions or making comments during lectures to get class participation points. **Students may NOT record the instructor or any guest speakers in any manner without my express permission. You may NEVER sell your Power Point presentations, notes, online or personal study guide materials or any other class materials (except the purchased required textbook and study guide).**

Lectures

Power Point presentations for each chapter in your textbook will be posted at the beginning of the semester, and **students are expected to download and print out these materials from eLearning after the FIRST class and bring all uncovered lectures to class each scheduled class period.** This practice will facilitate more active participation in class lectures, as students will only have to record additional information given or make personal notes about the material! Additional material will be added to these lectures and I will highlight material that will be relevant for your exams, so I strongly encourage you to attend class. Students are required to check eLearning for class announcements and course materials several times per week and prior to class so that you are prepared. Due to the dynamic nature of the schedules of some of our guest speakers, class lectures may change without prior notice. Therefore, it is imperative that you bring all Power Points not previously lectured on to class so that you are prepared.

Please note that while I allow students to use laptops to take notes during class lectures and guest speakers, ANY abuse of this privilege will result in ALL computers being banned during class time. PLEASE DO NOT USE YOUR COMPUTER TO ACCESS THE INTERNET, CHAT, CHECK EMAIL, TEXT FRIENDS, WORK ON OTHER CLASSES, watch media, do email searches, watch movies, OR DO ANYTHING THAT IS UNRELATED TO THIS CLASS--PERIOD. Please take this warning seriously. Students who miss classes are responsible for getting any information and notes in person from a classmate.

Please do **NOT** contact me or the TA OR email the class listserv asking for someone to send you the notes from my lectures or guest speakers that you have missed. It is solely **YOUR** responsibility to get notes from classmates in person for whatever classes are missed regardless of the reason. If you are missing class notes—you must request them in person **from one of your classmates not in eLearning.** I recommend you make a friend in the class early in the semester and exchange contact information.

Email Use

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts. ***You are required to check your eLearning account before our class to get updates, communications, and notices about exams, etc. in this class!*** If you have not done so already, please activate your email and become familiar with eLearning after the first class and begin to check it regularly. If you do not check your email your box will fill and no longer accept new messages, including critical ones regarding grades and university business. The instructor will make no special attempts to reach you if your email is returned due to your box being over quota. PLEASE CHECK YOUR UTD EMAIL ACCOUNT FREQUENTLY AND DELETE OLD MESSAGES!

****If you need to email me, please do so directly from your email and identify the class that you are taking with me in the subject line- CRIM 1307. I teach more than one class and this will help me answer your email much faster. Please do not email our TA with questions—email me directly.***

Quizzes

Additionally, approximately **20% of your grade** will be made up of from a number of POP quizzes that will be given during the course of the semester. Typically the number of quizzes is three, unless there is poor attendance or bad behavior in the class. I reserve the right to increase or decrease the quizzes and grade scale WITHOUT notice. **Generally, quizzes will cover the chapters due that class period or just prior**, and may include all lectures, videos, or speakers covered in class or readings assigned in the required texts. If there is EXCELLENT class participation and engagement I will notify you of what material will be covered, but this policy is left up solely to the instructor's discretion.

IMPORTANT: Quizzes can ONLY be made up for these reasons: 1) you are participating in an official activity of a UTD organization (you should give me an official letter at the beginning of the semester with the dates that you will miss class), 2) military service (proof of service and letter from unit commander may be required in ADVANCE), 3) you are observing an official holiday for your religious faith (and have notified me in ADVANCE of those dates- you may be required to provide an official letter from your religious leader stating that this is a valid holiday)

If this is not one of the reasons that you missed your quiz (e.g., you were sick, your car got a flat, you got stuck in traffic, you had to attend court, you had to help out a friend that day, you had to work, you want to attend a elective meeting in another class, etc.)

DO NOT EMAIL ME AND ASK IF YOU CAN MAKE UP THE QUIZ, TAKE IT EARLY, OR LATE---PLEASE!!! If I reward the class and announce a “pop” quiz in advance, I do so as a gift—and you should not abuse this policy and ask for special

privileges. Again, I encourage you to come to consistently attend class and be ON TIME since quizzes usually occur at the beginning of class. When the quiz is collected, it is OVER. If you enter the class late and the quiz is completed, you will NOT be allowed to make it up. **Period. PLEASE BE ON TIME!!**

Examinations/Make-up exams

Exams will include materials from your text, lectures, Power Points, videos, guest speakers, and other supplemental materials covered in class. Your three examinations will account for approximately 75% of your final grade in this class. Exams are multiple choice exams with a short answer bonus question. *People, places, things, and highlighted words or sections in your text are the areas of interest you should focus on in your studying. I will highlight certain test items during your course lectures as well! If attendance, note-taking, and class behavior are good, I will provide you with key points for guest speakers and videos shown in class to assist you with the material.* Exams generally are NOT cumulative if class attendance and behavior are good during the semester but the instructor reserves the right to make these cumulative. Consult your course calendar for a list of chapters due for each of the three exams and due dates.

****ON TEST DAYS, ALL HATS, CELL PHONES, PDA'S, CALCULATORS, WATER BOTTLES, DRINKS, OR WRITING INSTRUMENTS ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO BE ON YOUR PERSON DURING THE EXAM. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE PUT IN A BOOKBAG OR PURSE AND LEFT AT THE FRONT OF THE CLASSROOM UNTIL YOU ARE DONE WITH YOUR TEST. NOTHING BUT A PENCIL, YOUR SCANTRON, AND ID ARE ALLOWED AT YOUR DESK. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICES AT YOUR DESK FOR ANY REASON. ALL PERSONAL ITEMS WILL BE KEPT AT THE FRONT OF THE CLASS UNTIL YOUR EXAM IS COMPLETED AND TURNED IN. BRING YOUR UTD OR STATE-ISSUED PHOTO ID TO THE EXAM AND HAVE THEM ON YOUR PERSON DURING THE TEST PLEASE!!** NO ID MEANS NO EXAM, NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

IMPORTANT: Make-up exams will absolutely NOT be considered unless there is documented proof of a hospitalization or emergency AND I am contacted BEFORE THE EXAM BY EMAIL VIA YOUR UTD EMAIL ACCOUNT.

******Your doctor saying you are sick or you emailing me saying you feel sick IS NOT A VALID EXCUSE FOR A MAKEUP EXAM.***

Again, if you have a religious holiday or are a student athlete with an event that conflicts with an exam date, please contact me at the beginning of the semester (or as soon as you are aware of the conflict) to make arrangements for a new exam time. **The instructor reserves the right for makeup examinations to be full essay and be administered on a date of my choosing. PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO MAKE UP AN EXCUSE IF YOU MISS AN EXAM—these policies will be enforced fairly and uniformly!**

Students are welcome to make an appointment with me to review their tests and grades or to come visit me during my scheduled office hours but may not take copies of exams.

Extra Credit

There is absolutely NO extra credit possible in this class. PLEASE DO **NOT** EMAIL ME AT END OF CLASS OR AT ANY OTHER TIME AND ASK FOR IT! I DO NOT INFLATE GRADES. PERIOD.

Grading Policy

CLASS PARTICIPATION	20 POINTS	approximately 5% of grade
QUIZZES (3 @ 30 pts)	90 POINTS	approximately 20% of grade
EXAM 1	105 POINTS	approximately 75% of grade
EXAM 2	105 POINTS	
EXAM 3	<u>105 POINTS</u>	
TOTAL	425 POINTS TOTAL IN CLASS	

GRADING SCALE: Take your **FINAL POINT TOTAL** for all items from eLearning to determine what your grade is as follows:

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Point Range Totals</u>
100%	A+	425
93-99.9%	A	395-424
90-92.9%	A-	383-394
87-89.9%	B+	370-382
83-86.9%	B	353-369
80-82.9%	B-	340-352
77-79.9%	C+	327-339
73-76.9%	C	310-326
70-72.9%	C-	298-309
67-69.9%	D+	285-297
63-66.9%	D	268-284
60-62.9%	D-	255-267
59% and less	F	254 and below

Please see the following site for detailed information regarding UTD syllabus policies regarding Student Conduct & Discipline, Academic Integrity, Incomplete Grades, Withdrawals, etc.:

<http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies>

Course Calendar Introduction to Crime & Criminology Fall 2015

All assignments or exams are due/administered on the dates shown below

Please note: The instructor may change the syllabus due to guest speaker rescheduling without notice*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SCHEDULED LECTURES/READINGS DUE FOR EACH CLASS</u>
Aug 25	Intro to class/download all posted Power Point presentations on eLearning and bring to each class/buy scantrons (remember that textbook reading, study guide review, and Power Points <u>DUE</u> to be reviewed and read <i>prior</i> to chapter assigned for class lecture on each week below)
Sept 1	Chapter 1 due/ Documentary 1
Sept 8	Chapter 2 due/ **Guest speaker Ms. Lynn Pride Richardson, Chief Public Defender, Dallas County
Sept 15	Chapters 3 and 4 due
Sept 22	Documentary 2
Sept 29	<u>EXAM 1 TODAY BEGINNING OF CLASS/</u> <u>AFTER EXAM: Documentary 3 (1st Part)</u>
Oct 6	Chapter 5 due/ Finish Documentary 3
Oct 13	Chapters 6 and 7 due
Oct 20	Chapters 8 & 9 due (will not lecture on Chapter 8 but will be testable material on Exam 2)
Oct 27	**Guest speaker Collin County Fire Marshal Steven M. Deffibaugh *note: graphic forensic presentation- homicide, suicide, and vehicular accident slides presented* Full class presentation
Nov 3	<u>EXAM 2 TODAY BEGINNING OF CLASS/</u> <u>AFTER EXAM: Documentary 4 (1st Part)</u>
Nov 10	Chapter 10 due/ finish Documentary 4
Nov 17	Chapter 12 due / **Guest Speaker Sgt. Corey Buer & Explosive K-9 Paco, DFW International Airport K9 Unit
Nov 24	FALL BREAK! NO CLASS TODAY- HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Chapter 11 due-will not lecture but will be testable material on Exam 3
Dec 1	Chapter 13 due / **Guest speaker Mr. Boris McCray

Dec 8 **EXAM 3—LAST DAY OF CLASS ! Happy graduation to our seniors!**
***Note that Chapter 14 in book will not be covered or tested on for final exam.**

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