



CRIM 1307 Course Syllabus

Course Information

Course: CRIM 1307.0U1

Course Title: Introduction to Crime and Criminology

Term: Summer 2022

Meeting Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00am-12:15pm

Location: JO 4.102

Professor Contact Information

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Course Description

Introduction to Crime and Criminology (3 semester credit hours) – Survey the nature, location, and impact of crime in America. Includes historical foundations of crime, theoretical explanations of criminality and delinquency, the recording and measurement of crime, descriptions of criminal careers, crime topologies, and an analysis of public policies concerning crime control.

Prerequisite(s): None

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, students will have a better understanding of:

1. The recording and measurement of crime
2. The theoretical basis and assumptions of major criminological theories
3. Major issues and policy concerns of different types of crimes
4. Crimes of the 21st century and how to combat emerging crimes

Required Textbooks and Materials

Siegel, L. J. (2015). *Criminology, the Core: 7th Edition*. Cengage Learning. ISBN: 1337557714

In addition to the required text, handouts, journal articles, video documentaries, movies, and other sources of reference may be used to further enhance student's learning.

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Exams

There will be three exams during the semester, each worth 100 points. Each exam will encompass 50 multiple choice and true/false questions. The exams will not be cumulative. Exams will be completed on E-Learning and is due at 11:59pm on the due date.

Attendance and Participation

Students will be required to attend class and be attentive during lectures. Attendance and participation will be worth 50 points.

Syllabus Quiz

A quiz covering the information in the syllabus will be available on elearning the first day of class and is due the following Thursday it will be worth 25 points.

Quizzes

There will be 3 quizzes throughout the semester. Each quiz will be worth 25 points. The quizzes will cover the chapters we have just covered in class. Quizzes will be available on Elearning and will be due at midnight on the indicated date.

Academic Calendar

Week	Date	Topic	Readings	What's Due
1	May 24	APA	Syllabus	
	May 26	Crime and Criminology	Ch. 1	Syllabus Quiz Due May 26 at 11:59 pm
2	May 31	The Nature and Extent of Crime	Ch. 2	
	June 2	Victims and Victimization	Ch. 3	Quiz 1 (Ch 1-3)

				Due: June 5 at 11:59 pm
3	June 7	Rational Choice Theory	Ch. 4	
	June 9			
4	June 14	Trait Theory	Ch. 5	
	June 16	Review		
5	June 21	No Class		
	June 23	No Class		Exam 1 Due: June 23 at 11:59 pm
6	June 28	Social Structure Theory	Ch. 6	
	June 30	Social Process Theory	Ch. 7	
7	July 5	Social Conflict, Critical Criminology, and Restorative Justice	Ch. 8	Quiz 2 (Ch 6-8) Due: July 10 at 11:59 pm
	July 7	Developmental Theories	Ch. 9	Theory Selection & Outline Due: July 7 at 11:59 pm
8	July 12	Review		
	July 14	No Class		Exam 2 Due: July 14 at 11:59
9	July 19	Violent Crime	Ch. 10	
	July 21	Economic Crimes	Ch. 12	Quiz 3 (Ch 9-12) Due July 24 at 11:59 pm
10	July 26	Public Order Crimes	Ch. 13	
	July 28	Crimes of the New Millennium	Ch. 14	
11	August 2	Review		
	August 4	No Class		Exam 3 Due August 4 at 11:59pm

Finals Week	August 9	No Class		Theory Paper Due August 9 at 11:59pm
	August 11	No Class		

Grading Criteria

Exam 1	100
Exam 2	100
Exam 3	100
Attendance & Participation	50
Syllabus Quiz	25
Quiz 1	25
Quiz 2	25
Quiz 3	25
Theory Selection/Outline	50
Theory Paper	100
Total Points	600

Grading Policy

Grade	Point Range
A+	600-576
A	575-558
A-	557-540
B+	539-516
B	515-498
B-	497-480
C+	479-456
C	455-438
C-	437-420
D+	419-396
D	395-378
D-	377-360
F	359-0

Class Attendance

Students are expected to regularly attend classes and be on time to all class meetings. Attendance will be taken regularly and will be part of the overall course grade. Repeatedly missing class without a University recognized excuse will result in a lower attendance/participation grade as well as missing important points raised during lectures. It is the student's responsibility to obtain lecture notes in the event of a missed class. The professor will not provide lecture notes.

Course & Instructor Policies

Late Policy

Students are expected to complete all graded elements by the deadlines provided. Students may NOT submit a late assignment without penalty unless they contact the professor with proper documentation prior to the deadline, or within 24 hours in the event of a serious emergency. Examples include documented personal or immediate-family emergencies regarding health and well-being, documented military deployment, documented emergency services work, and documented university activities. All work not submitted by the assigned deadline will be subjected to a **10-percent late penalty for each day the assignment is late.**

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester's end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of F.

Extra Credit and Final Grades

Details about extra credit will be provided during the semester. Final grades are NON-NEGOTIABLE. Your grade at the end of the semester will reflect your total points earned in the course and be assigned according to the grading policy listed above.

Make-up Exams

No make-up exams or in-class assignments will be given unless there is a university recognized excuse for missing the exam or assignment. Failure to complete an exam or assignment will result in a grade of zero. Students will only be permitted **ONE** attempt for each exam. Failing to prepare for exams will very likely result in poor grades, and it is the student's responsibility to adequately prepare for each exam. Second attempts at exams will not be granted.

Email Use

The University encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student's UT Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students only if it originates from a UTD student account. UT Dallas 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 UT Dallas provides a method for students to have their UT Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts. **Please check your UTD Email account frequently to ensure that you do not miss out on important announcements, communications, and information relevant to the course. Emails will be answered within 48 business hours. Please include CRIM 1307 in the subject line and ONLY use your UTD email account.**

Class Materials

The instructor may provide class materials that will be made available to all students registered for this class as they are intended to supplement the classroom experience. These materials may be downloaded during the course, however, these materials are for registered students' use only. Classroom materials may not be reproduced or shared with those not in class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

Class Recordings

Students are expected to follow appropriate University policies and maintain the security of passwords used to access recorded lectures. Unless the Office of Student AccessAbility has approved the student to record the instruction, students are expressly prohibited from recording any part of this course. Recordings may not be published, reproduced, or shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to other online environments except to implement an approved Office of Student AccessAbility accommodation. Failure to comply with these University requirements is a violation of the [Student Code of Conduct](#).

NOTE: if the instructor records any part of the course, then the instructor will need to add the following syllabus statement:

The instructor may record meetings of this course. These recordings will be made available to all students registered for this class if the intent is to supplement the classroom experience. If the instructor or a UTD school/department/office plans any other uses for the recordings, consent of the students identifiable in the recordings is required prior to such use unless an exception is allowed by law.

Comet Creed

This creed was voted on by the UT Dallas student body in 2014. It is a standard that Comets choose to live by and encourage others to do the same:

“As a Comet, I pledge honesty, integrity, and service in all that I do.”

Academic Support Resources

The information contained in the following link lists the University’s academic support resources for all students.

Please see <http://go.utdallas.edu/academic-support-resources>.

UT Dallas Syllabus Policies and Procedures

The information contained in the following link constitutes the University’s policies and procedures segment of the course syllabus. Please review the catalog sections regarding the [credit/no credit](#) or [pass/fail](#) grading option and withdrawal from class.

Please go to <http://go.utdallas.edu/syllabus-policies> for these policies.

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.