Course Information

CRIM 1307.001 (85455)
Introduction to Crime and Criminology
Spring 2016
Thursdays 2:30 – 5:15
GR 2.302

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

None

The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor. All changes will be related to students in as timely a manner as possible.

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Course Description

Introduction to Crime and Criminology (CRIM 1307) 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, 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 (in no particular order)

There are several objectives of this course. The most important are as follows:

1. To learn the foundations of criminological thought and trace the development of criminological thought throughout history;
2. To identify what makes a good theory;
3. To recognize the differing criminological perspectives and be able to compare and contrast them;
4. To critically evaluate criminological theories based on established criteria within the field;
5. To apply the tenets of criminological theory to the application of criminological problems within the broader social justice systems, including the criminal justice system, the political system, the educational system, and the social welfare system;
6. To assess the efficacy of the social justice systems in implementing meaningful policies and programs based on criminological theories.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Siegel, L.J. (2015) *Criminology: The Core*. 5th Edition. Cengage Learning. ISBN: 978-1-285-06890-9

3 Blank Scantrons for exams (Form No. 882-E ONLY)
*Note: Scantrons are free with purchases at Off Campus Books on Campbell Road or available for purchase at the UTD Bookstore

**Without a scantron, you cannot take the exam! The professor WILL NOT have extra scantrons and forgetting a scantron is NOT eligible for a make-up exam.

Suggested Course Materials

None

Assignments & Academic Calendar

This course will consist of 3 exams, 5 quizzes, and classroom participation. You can earn a total of 550 points towards your grade.

Assignments:

Exams: **300 points**

There will be three exams in this class. The dates are listed below and on the schedule at the end of the syllabus. Each exam is worth **100 points.** Each exam will cover the material taught in the section preceding it. Please note that the exams are **NOT** cumulative.

> **Exam #1:**   **Thursday, September 22, 2016**
> **Exam #2:**   **Thursday, October 27, 2016**
> **Exam #3:**   **TBD (Per UTD Final Exam Calendar)**

Exams will consist of any of the following: multiple-choice questions, true/false questions, fill-in word questions, short answers, and essay questions. More information about each exam will be given during the course of the semester.

Quizzes: **200 points**

There will be five (5) in-class quizzes throughout the course of the semester. Each quiz is worth 50 points, for a total of 200 points. Please note that the lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Quizzes will be unannounced. Quizzes may cover class material covered on the day of the quiz and material covered in the lecture prior. This will include lectures, movies, and guest speakers.

Quizzes can only be made up for three (3) reasons:
1. You are participating in an official activity of a UTD organization.
2. Military service requirements.
3. Observation of a religious holiday.

*Please remember that it is the student's responsibility to notify the professor IN ADVANCE if they are going to miss class for any of these reasons. It is expected that the student will provide notification to the professor in the beginning of the semester.

Quizzes will be given in the beginning of class. Students who utilize the Office for Student Accessibility for accommodations will be able to take their quiz at the Testing Center prior to class. Please discuss this with the professor to ensure your accommodations are met.

Class Participation: **50 points**

It is expected that students will participate in classroom discussions as appropriate. In order to facilitate this, classroom participation will be included as part of students' grades. Participation will be measured

in a variety of ways, including engaging actively in discussion with the professor and classmates, group activities, and utilizing eLearning activities as directed.

Schedule

Please see the attached class schedule for a list of the assigned readings and due dates. The schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, but students will always be informed of changes in a timely manner.

Required Course Technology

eLearning:

This course utilizes a web page tool called **eLearning** to provide easy access to important course information. You must be registered for this class to log on to the site. You will use the web site to take your quizzes, obtain class information, check announcements, and receive your assignments. You can also obtain grades and replace a lost syllabus, among other things. This site address for the course is:

elearning.utdallas.edu

It is very important that you begin to access eLearning as soon as possible and you become familiar with its functions.   If you have any problems with eLearning, please contact the UTD Help Desk (http://www.utdallas.edu/elearning/eLearningHelpdesk.html or 866-588-3192).

You will be required to access eLearning for the following reasons:

1. To take on-line quizzes based on the course material.
2. To access class lecture materials.
3. To obtain class handouts and assignments.
4. To keep updated on course announcements.

You will also be able to use eLearning for the following information:

1. To replace a lost syllabus.
2. To check individual grades.
3. To download copies of articles or other information that will be useful for this class, such as class handouts, important news articles, or other information that is used for class.
4. To download copies of class assignments – this includes information about how to complete the assignments and information about how the assignments will be graded.
5. To download power-point slides of class lecture, which will be helpful for class discussion and for studying.
6. To get immediate access to class announcements; these announcements will cover things such as class cancellations, changes to the syllabus, or interesting happenings on campus. You should check these often.

Grading Policy

Grades will be calculated out of 550 points.

550	**A+**
517-549 points	**A**
490-518 points	**A-**
478-494 points	**B+**
462-477 points	**B**
435-461 points	**B-**
422-434 points	**C+**
407-421 points	**C**
385-406 points	**C-**
368-384 points	**D+**
352-367 points	**D**
330–351 points	**D-**
0-329 points	**F**

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Course & Instructor Policies

Disability Accommodations:
Please contact the professor as soon as possible with regards to necessary disability accommodations. The sooner that you speak to me, the sooner that we can make arrangements to fully accommodate your disability and discuss strategies to facilitate your learning in the course. It is important to me that all students have the opportunity to participate and engage in this course and I am happy to work with you to ensure that this happens.

The Office of Student AccessAbility (OSA) is located in the Student Services Building, suite 3.200. They can be reached by phone at (972) 883-2098 or by email at disabilityservice@utdallas.edu.

Make Up Exams:
Make up exams will only be allowed with University approved documentation and if the professor is notified within 24 hours of the missed exam (exceptions may apply in rare circumstances). In the case that it is known that an exam will be missed ahead of time, the student is responsible for taking the exam before the appointed time, as set by the professor.

Please note that the following reasons are NOT considered acceptable reasons for a makeup exam: going on a vacation; sleeping late; being in jail; accidentally shooting your laptop; roommate issues; dating issues; attending a monster truck rally; having your clothing stolen from the dorm washing machine; a bad haircut; the first day of hunting season (or any day of hunting season); cat scratch fever; interviewing for a reality show; and any other reason that the professor feels is not a reflection of the spirit of the UTD policies towards missing class and assignments.

In the event of the zombie apocalypse, all course policies are suspended until further notice.

Extra Credit:
None

Late Work:
The same policies for make-up exams apply for late work.

Special Assignments:
None

Class Attendance:
Class attendance is expected. Please show respect to the professor, the guest speakers, and your fellow students by **being on time!** If you are not in class, you will not be able to participate or prepare well for your exams.

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 – this will be considered an act of academic dishonesty and will immediately be referred to Judicial Affairs.

In the case of an absence, the student is responsible for missed materials.

Classroom Citizenship:

In addition to the UTD policies on student conduct and discipline, please note that I have the following policies:

1. Laptops are allowed at the instructor's discretion during class time. This is a participation based class and laptops are a distraction to me and to fellow students. If I consider the laptop a distraction, it will be put away.
2. Cell phones **MUST** be turned **OFF**. If you are expecting a call, please be courteous and leave your phone on silent and then step politely out of the room to answer it. **IF A CELL PHONE GOES OFF IN CLASS, I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO GIVE THE CLASS A POP QUIZ**. Furthermore, I do not expect students to be texting during class. If I see this once, I will offer a generalized warning to the entire class that I do not want to see students texting. If I see this a second time, you will be asked to leave the class and will not receive credit for any assignments for that class period.
3. Do not under any circumstances engage in academic dishonesty. I will refer all questions of academic dishonesty directly to disciplinary proceedings.
4. Students may **NOT** record the instructor or any guest speakers in any manner without express prior permission. You may **NEVER** sell your Power Point presentations, notes, online, or personal study guide materials or any other class materials (with the exception of the purchased required textbook).

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 UT 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.**

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

CRIM 1307: INTRODUCTION TO CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY		
FALL 2016		
Date	**Topic**	**Reading**
8/25	Introduction "Poet of Poverty"	
9/1	Crime and Criminology The Nature and Extent of Crime	Ch 1/Ch 2
9/8	Victims & Victimization	Ch 3
9/15	Rational Choice Theory	Ch 4
9/22	**Part I: Exam #1 (Ch 1 - 4)** TBA Documentary/Guest Speaker	
9/29	Trait Theory	Ch 5
10/6	Social Structure Theory	Ch 6
10/13	Social Process Theory	Ch 7
10/20	Social Conflict/Critical Criminology	Ch 8
10/27	**Part I: Exam #2 (Ch 5 - 9)** TBA Documentary/Guest Speaker	
11/3	Developmental Theories	Ch 9
11/10	Violent Crime	Ch 10
11/17	Economic Crimes	Ch 12
11/24	**NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK**	
12/1	Public Order Crimes	Ch 13
TBA	**Exam #3 (Ch 9 - 13)*** ***Does not include Ch 11**	