

Department of Sociology

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SOCIOLOGY 920: 222: 02 CRIMINOLOGY - SYNOPSIS

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Common Hour Exams:

October 10th
November 7th

Description: This course examines the nature, function, and causes of crime in society. We will trace the development of criminology from the Enlightenment through the present, situating key criminological theories and research in their historical context. Furthermore, the course attempts to bridge criminological theory and contemporary crime and criminal justice issues including racial profiling, gun control, drug enforcement, and mass incarceration. While drawing critical attention to prevailing criminological wisdom, the course also attempts to broaden students' understanding of criminality through highlighting oft neglected crimes including those committed by the government and corporate executives.

Student Learning Outcome Goals:

This course satisfies the SAS Core Curriculum requirement for the area of Social Analysis. Students will understand the criminological perspective, a distinctly interdisciplinary approach to criminal behavior. They will understand how key questions pertaining to crime and criminal justice in the 21st century can be better analyzed using both sociological and psychological concepts. Students will develop the skills necessary to read and evaluate criminological research in an intelligent and critical manner. They will understand the role of theory and methods in criminological research.

Core Curriculum Goals IF CERTIFIED

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<http://sasundergrad.rutgers.edu/academics/requirements/core?layout=blog> Use Core graphic if desired.

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Required Texts:

Bohm, Robert M. and Vogel, Brenda L. (2015) *A Primer on Crime & Delinquency Theory* (4th ed.)
Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Anticipated Assignments and Grading Structure (assignments, papers, projects, exams, and other methods of evaluation, with due dates where available):

First Exam (Oct 10):	apprx. 23% (50 pts.)
Second Exam (Nov 7):	apprx. 27% (60 pts.)
Third Exam (Dec 15):	apprx. 27% (60 pts.)
Quizzes (TBA):	apprx. 18% (40 pts.)
Attendance:	apprx. 5% (10 pts.)
Participation:	apprx. 5% (Up to 10 pts. Extra Credit)

Grading key (%'s): <60 (F), 60-69 (D), 70-74 (C), 75-79 (C+), 80-84 (B), 85-89 (B+), 90+ (A).

Final Exam/Paper:

<http://finalexams.rutgers.edu/>

December 15th (8 a.m)

