



CRIM 340-CRIMINOLOGY

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code CRIM 340	Course Title Criminology	ECTS credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Core / Elective	Field Psychology	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course 1 ST Cycle	Year of Study 3d	Lecturer Dr Stavroula Soukara
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Course Days/Times M 15:00 – 18:00	Course Venue B220	Student Consultation Hours W/TR 10:00-12:00, F 12:00-13:00
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Objectives of the Course

The general aim of the course is to introduce students to the sociological study of crime and criminality through promotion of knowledge and understanding of central concepts, application of social theory, use of scientific evidence and promotion of critical evaluation of common knowledge and perceptions. The course will cover the causes and patterns of criminal and deviant behavior, possible applications of theory for treatment and prevention, as well as an analysis of specific types of criminality and their consequences.

Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Define basic concepts in the area of criminology
2. Conceptualize criminal situations using these concepts
3. Compare and contrast the main methods of criminological measurement
4. Outline the contribution of classical criminology and apply classical theory in understanding the nature of crime
5. Outline the contribution of positivistic criminology and apply positivistic theories in understanding the etiology of crime
6. Outline the contribution of the sociology of normative culture and apply theories of normative culture in understanding the societal creation and social construction of crime
7. Use empirical evidence in favor or against theoretical explanations
8. Critically evaluate common knowledge and perceptions about crime

Course Contents

- Introduction to the topic. Definitions, Terminology and Overview.
- Conceptions and Misconceptions of Crime
- Criminological Measurement: Methodologies, Sources of Criminological Data.
- Classical Criminology
- Positivistic Criminology
- Sociological Explanations of Criminality
- Psychological Explanations of Criminality
- Victims, Survivors and Victimology
- Fear of Crime and Victimization
- Personality and Dangerousness of the Criminal
- Various Types of Crime
- Organized and International Crime

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods

Lectures, Presentations, Active Discussions

Required Textbooks/Readings

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Alexiadis, Stergios	Criminology, 7 th Ed.	Sakkoula	2011	ISBN: 978-960-445-672-7

Recommended Textbooks/Reading

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Hale, C., Hayward, K., Wahidi, A.	Criminology	Oxford University Press	2009	ISBN-13: 978-0199227297
Williams, Catherine	Textbook in Criminology	Oxford University Press	2008	ISBN-13: 978- 0199290314

Assessment Methods

1	Midterm	30%
3	Final Examination	50%
4	Presentation	15%
5	Attendance and Participation	5%
	Total	100%

Examinations (80%)

The Midterm and final examinations will include short essay questions. Details regarding the exams will be given in class during the review sessions.

Presentation (15%)

You will be asked to select a topic of your interest and briefly present it in the class.

Attendance and Participation (5%) are crucial components for the successful completion of the course. According with the university’s regulation students who miss more than 20% of the lectures (3 lectures) will be automatically withdrawn from the course. Half of the points will be awarded for attendance and the other half for participation. Therefore, do not take these 5 points for granted, they are contingent on your attendance AND performance in class.

Makeup Policy: Make up exams will be given only in extreme circumstances, in cases of serious illness or emergency (requiring a doctor’s note or other official documentation). It is your responsibility to inform the instructor prior to the exam if you are unable to make it.

Cheating and Plagiarizing is a serious offence and will not be tolerated. Claiming work of others as your own is unethical and can have serious consequences. Plagiarizing is using another individual’s work without appropriate citation or paraphrasing. Acts of plagiarism will result in grades of zero. Cheating involves (a) using another individual's work, (b) using any material not available to other students on a test, and/or (c) helping another student on a test or assignment. In any of these cases, the participant(s) will receive a grade of zero on the particular assignment(s) that involved cheating.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Any students with disabilities or other special needs that may require special accommodations for this course should make this known to the instructor during the first week of the class.

GRADING POLICY

Letter Grade	Number Grade	GPA points	
A	93-100	4.0	Excellent
A-	90-92	3.7	
B+	87-89	3.3	Very Good
B	83-86	3.0	
B-	80-82	2.7	
C+	77-79	2.3	Good
C	73-76	2.0	
C-	70-72	1.7	
D+	67-69	1.3	Poor but Acceptable
D	63-66	1.0	
D-	60-62	0.7	
F	0-59	0.0	Failure