



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
SOC-260	Deviance	6
Department	Semester	Prerequisites
Social Sciences	Fall	None
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Social Science Elective	Psychology	English
Level of Course	Year of Study	Lecturer(s)
1 st Cycle	2 nd	Dr Stelios Stylianou
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Face-to-face	N/A	None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The general aim of the course is to introduce students to the sociological study of deviance through promotion of knowledge and understanding of central concepts, application of social theory, use of scientific evidence, promotion of critical evaluation of common knowledge and perceptions and some contact with the empirical reality of deviance.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Define basic concepts in the area of social deviance
2. Conceptualize deviant social situations using these concepts
3. Apply theoretical knowledge in understanding the causes of deviant behavior
4. Apply theoretical knowledge in understanding normative culture
5. Use empirical evidence in favor or against theoretical explanations
6. Critically evaluate common knowledge and perceptions about deviance

Course Content:

1. Conceptions and Types of Deviance.
2. Normative Culture and Social Control – Conceptual Introduction.
3. Theories of Normative Culture (consensus and conflict).
4. Etiological Theories (control, learning, strain, deviant subcultures, labeling).
5. Substantive Themes (deviant physical characteristics, mental disorders, drug use, sexual deviance).

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures.

Assessment Methods:

Term project, mid-term exam, final exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Clinard, Marshall B. and Robert F. Meier	<i>Sociology of Deviant Behavior</i> (13/e)	Wadsworth	2008
Goode, Erich.	<i>Deviant Behavior</i> (7/e)	Prentice Hall	2005
Goode, Erich.	<i>Drugs in American Society</i> (6/e)	McGraw-Hill	2005
Barkan, Steven E.	<i>Criminology: A Sociological Understanding</i> (3/e)	Prentice Hall	2006

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Stylianou, Stelios	<i>Νεανική Παραβατικότητα και Κυπριακή Κοινωνία [Juvenile Delinquency in Cyprus]</i>	University of Nicosia Press	2007