



## Course Syllabus

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| <b>Course Code</b>      | <b>Course Title</b>   | <b>ECTS Credits</b>            |
| SOC-340                 | Criminology           | 6                              |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>    | <b>Department</b>     | <b>Semester</b>                |
| None                    | Social Sciences       | Fall                           |
| <b>Type of Course</b>   | <b>Field</b>          | <b>Language of Instruction</b> |
| Elective                | Psychology            | Greek                          |
| <b>Level of Course</b>  | <b>Lecturer(s)</b>    | <b>Year of Study</b>           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle   | Dr Stavroula Soukara  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                |
| <b>Mode of Delivery</b> | <b>Work Placement</b> | <b>Co-requisites</b>           |
| Face-to-face            | N/A                   | None                           |

### Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are 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 Content:**

1. Introduction to the topic. Definitions, Terminology and Overview.
2. Conceptions and Misconceptions of Crime
3. Criminological Measurement: Methodologies, Sources of Criminological Data.
4. Classical Criminology
5. Positivistic Criminology
6. Sociological Explanations of Criminality
7. Psychological Explanations of Criminality
8. Fear of Crime and Victimization
9. Personality and Dangerousness of the Criminal
10. Organized and International Crime

**Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:**

Lectures, Presentations, Active Discussions

**Assessment Methods:**

Exams, Assignments

**Required Textbooks / Readings:**

| <b>Title</b>                                   | <b>Author(s)</b>  | <b>Publisher</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>ISBN</b>   |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Criminology Today: An Integrative Introduction | Frank Schmalleger | Prentice Hall    | 2021        | 9780137498680 |

**Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**

| <b>Title</b>            | <b>Author(s)</b>                 | <b>Publisher</b>        | <b>Year</b> | <b>ISBN</b>    |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Criminology             | Hale,C., Hayward, K., Wahidi, A. | Oxford University Press | 2013        | 978-0199691296 |
| Textbook in Criminology | Williams, Catherine              | Oxford University Press | 2008        | 978-0199290314 |