



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA

ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

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| Course Code SOC-340 | Course Title Criminology | ECTS Credits 6 |
| Department Social Sciences | Semester Spring | Prerequisites None |
| Type of Course Social Science Elective | Field Psychology | Language of Instruction English |
| Level of Course 1 st Cycle | Year of Study 3rd | Lecturer(s) Dr Stelios Stylianou |
| Mode of Delivery Face-to-face | Work Placement N/A | Co-requisites None |

Objectives of the Course:

The general aim of the course is to introduce students to the sociological study of crime 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.

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. Conceptions of Crime
2. Criminological Measurement
3. Classical criminology (nature of crime, deterrence theory)
4. Positivistic criminology (etiological theories: biological, psychological, control, learning, strain, institutional anomie, deviant subcultures, social disorganization)
5. Sociology of normative culture (functionalism, conflict theory)

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures

Assessment Methods:

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| Two written assignments, mid-term exam, final exam |
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Required Textbooks/Reading:

| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year |
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| Vold, Bernard and Snipes | <i>Theoretical Criminology (5/e)</i> | Oxford University Press | 2002 |
| Various | <i>Selected Readings (reading package prepared by the instructor)</i> | | |

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| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year |
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| Foucault, Michel | <i>Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison</i> | Random House | 1975 |
| Garland, David | <i>The Culture of Control: Crime and Social Order in Contemporary Society</i> | University of Chicago Press | 2001 |
| Reiman, Jeffrey. | <i>The Rich get Richer and the Poor Get Prison: Ideology, Class, and Criminal Justice</i> | Allyn & Bacon | 2007 |
| Statistical Service of the Republic of Cyprus | <i>Criminal Statistics</i> | Government Printing Office | 2006 |
| Stylianou, Stelios | <i>Νεανική Παραβατικότητα και Κυπριακή Κοινωνία [Juvenile Delinquency in Cypriot Society]</i> | University of Nicosia Press | 2007 |