

CJSA 1312
Crime in America
Western Texas College

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description: American crime problems in historical perspective; social and public policy factors affecting crime; impact and crime trends; social characteristics of specific crimes; prevention of crime.
- B. Prerequisites: None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Explain the psychological, social, and economic impact of crime in society
- B. Identify characteristics and prevention of major crimes

III. Online Testing Requirements

- A. Course exams must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)
- B. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.

IV. Major Course Requirements: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:

- A. Exams: 30%
- B. Assignments: 30%
- C. Quizzes: 25%
- D. Discussions: 15%
- E. Grading scale:
 - A= (90-100%)
 - B= (80-89%)
 - C= (70-79%)
 - D= (60-69%)

V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials

- A. Title: Criminology
- B. Authors: John E. Conklin
- C. Edition: 11th Edition
- D. Publisher: Pearson
- E. ISBN-13: 9780132764445

VI. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates: Please refer to the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

- A. Campus Calendar
- B. Final exam schedule
- C. How to drop a class
- D. Withdrawal information
- E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- F. Class Attendance
- G. Students with disabilities

VII. Course Sequence & Content

Week	Topic
Week 1	Course Overview Chapter 1: The Study of Crime Quiz 1
Week 2	Chapter 2: Measuring Crime Quiz 2
Week 3	Chapter 3: Crime and its Costs Discussion 1 Assignment 1
Week 4	Chapter 4: Dimensions of Crime Quiz 3
Week 5	Chapter 5: Biological and Psychological Explanation of Crime Discussion 2
Week 6	Chapter 6: Social, Cultural, and Economic Sources of Crime Quiz 4
Week 7	Chapter 7: Social Control and Commitment to the Law Assignment 2
Week 8	Chapter 8: Learning to Commit Crime

	Exam 1
Week 9	Chapter 9: Opportunities and Facilitating Factors Discussion 3
Week 10	Chapter 10: Criminal Careers Quiz 5
Week 11	Chapter 11: The Organization of Criminal Behavior Assignment 3
Week 12	Chapter 12: Community Reactions to Crime Discussion 4
Week 13	Chapter 13: The Criminal Justice System Quiz 6
Week 14	Chapter 14: Deterrence, Incapacitation, Retribution, and Rehabilitation
Week 15	Chapter 15: Reducing Crime Course Review
Week 16	Final Exam

Disclaimer: Sequence & Content is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.