

**CJSA 1325**  
**Criminology**  
**Western Texas College**

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description: Current theories and empirical research pertaining to crime and criminal behavior and its causes, methods of prevention, systems of punishment and rehabilitation.
- B. Prerequisites: Need a C or higher in CJSA 1322 or be enrolled in CJSA 1322 simultaneously.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Identify and explain the various theories of causation of criminal behavior
- B. Identify and appraise the avenue of prevention
- C. Outline the various research methods/methodology used in criminological research
- D. Identify the categories and sources of criminological data utilized in interpreting crime trends

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: A Sociological Understanding
- B. Authors: Steven E. Barkan
- C. Edition: 7th

- D. Publisher: Pearson
- E. ISBN-13: 9780134548609

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

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Week 1	<b>Course Overview</b> Criminology and the Social Perspective
Week 2	Public Opinion, the News Media, and Crime Problem <b>Quiz 1</b>
Week 3	The Measurement and Patterning of Criminal Behavior <b>Quiz 2</b>
Week 4	Victims and Victimization <b>Discussion 1</b> <b>Assignment 1</b>
Week 5	Classical and Neoclassical Perspectives <b>Quiz 3</b>
Week 6	Biological and Psychological Explications <b>Discussion 2</b>
Week 7-8	Sociological Theories <b>Quiz 4</b> <b>Exam 1</b>
Week 9	Violent Crime: Homicide, Assault, and Robbery <b>Assignment 2</b>
Week 10	Violence Against Women
Week 11	Property Crime and Fraud <b>Discussion 3</b>

Week 12	White-Collar and Organized Crime
Week 13	Political Crime Consensual Crime
Week 14	Policing: Dilemmas of Crime Control in a Democratic Society <b>Discussion 4</b> <b>Quiz 6</b>
Week 15	Prosecution and Punishment How Can We Reduce Crime? Course Review
Week 16	<b>Final Exam</b>

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