

Criminal Justice 1325 – Criminology

Western Texas College

- I. Basic Course Information
 - A. Lecture—Current theories and empirical research pertaining to crime and criminal behavior and its causes, methods of prevention, systems of punishment and rehabilitation.
 - B. Any required prerequisites: Need a C or higher in CJIR 1301 or be enrolled in CJRI 1301 simultaneously.
 - C. Required grade for enrolling in the next course in this sequence: None
- II. Student Learning Outcomes:
 - A. Lecture
 - 1. Identify and explain the various theories of causation of criminal behavior.
 - 2. Identify and appraise the avenue of prevention.
 - 3. Outline the various research methods/methodology used in criminological research.
 - 4. Identify the categories and sources of criminological data utilized in interpreting crime trends.
- III. Testing Requirements
 - A. Campus
 - 1. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.
 - B. Online
 - 1. The midterm and final exam must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)
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- IV. Course Requirements
 - A. Campus/Online
 - 1. Lecture: homework assignments; weekly quizzes; midterm and final exam
 - 2. Quizzes and exams are timed.
- V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials
 - A. Required Book: Criminology: A Sociological Understanding. 6th Edition Barkan. 2015. Pearson Prentice Hall. (ISBN: 9780133458992)
 - B. Recommended: Quick Study Academic: Criminology. Pittaro, Michael. (ISBN: 978-142321423-6)
- VI. Grading Breakdown:
 - A. Campus/Online
 - Lecture Homework 25%
 - Lecture Exams 25%
 - Lecture Midterm 25%
 - Lecture Final Exam 25%

B. A final semester grade will be based as follows:

A = 89.5% and above

B = 79.5 – 89.49

C = 69.5 – 79.49

D = 59.5 – 69.49

F = 59.49% and below

I = Incomplete (failure to complete the requirements of the course)

VII. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates. Please refer to the WTC [Catalog](#) for the following:

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

VIII. Course Content

Chapter 1	Criminology and the Social Perspective
Chapter 2	Public opinion, the News Media, and Crime Problem
Chapter 3	The Measurement and Patterning of Criminal Behavior
Chapter 4	Victims and Victimization
Chapter 5	Classical and Neoclassical Perspectives
Chapter 6	Biological and Psychological Explanations
Chapter 7	Sociological Theories: Emphasis on Social Structure
Chapter 8	Sociological Theories: Emphasis on Social Process
Chapter 9	Sociological Theories: Critical Perspectives
Chapter 10	Violent Crime: Homicide, Assault, and Robbery
Chapter 11	Violence against Women
Chapter 12	Property Crime and Fraud
Chapter 13	White-collar and organized crime
Chapter 14	Political Crime
Chapter 15	Consensual Crime
Chapter 16	Policing: Dilemmas of Crime Control in a Democratic Society
Chapter 17	Prosecution and Punishment
Chapter 18	Conclusion: How Can We Reduce Crime?

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