

Criminology

CJS 201
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Three Rivers Community College
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I. **Course Title:** Criminology

II. **Course Information:**

- A. CJS K201
- B. Location: Mohegan Campus Room: 306
- C. Day/Time: T 9:30 to 12:15 PM

III. **Course Description:**

This course will investigate the relationship between crime and contemporary society.

Emphasis will be placed on sociological, psychological, and physiological explanations for criminal behavior. The course will study the historical development of criminology and review research methods and techniques for formal and informal social control.

IV. **Course Goals:**

The goal of this course is to give the student a basic understanding of the study of crime and criminal trends. Students will also have a basic understanding of the various reporting methods and how those methods apply to criminology. Students will understand how societal trends decide which philosophy trends are applied and how that affects crime rates and behavior. Students will also get a basic overview on research methods and techniques.

V. **Instructional Methods:**

- A. Lecture
- B. Discussion
- C. Video Media

VI. Required Text:

Criminology Today: An Integrative Introduction, by Frank Schmalleger, Ph.D. Fourth Edition, Pearson Prentice Hall (2005) **ISBN 0-13-170210-6**

VII. Disabilities Statement:

If you are a student with a disability and believe you will need accommodations for this class, it is your responsibility to contact the Disabilities Counseling Services at 892-5751. To avoid any delay in the receipt of accommodations, you should contact the counselor as soon as possible. Please note that I cannot provide accommodations based upon disability until I have received an accommodation letter from the Disabilities Counselor. Your cooperation is appreciated.

VIII. Course Outline:

Week #1 – 08/29 - Introduction to Course/Instructor

Week #2 – 09/05 - Chapters 1& 2

Week #3 – 09/12 - Chapters 3 & 4

Week #4 – 09/19 - Chapters 5 & 6

Week #5 – 09/26 - Exam Review & Chapter 7

Week #6 – 10/03 - **EXAM #1**

Week #7 – 10/10 - Chapter 8 & 9

Week #8 – 10/17 - Chapters 10 & 11

Week #9 – 10/24 - Chapter 12 & Exam Review

Week #10 -10/31 - **EXAM #2**

Week #11 -11/07 - Chapter 13 & 14

Week #12 – 11/14 Chapter 15 & 16

Week #13 - 11/21 No Class

Week #14 – 11/28 Exam Review

Week #15 – 12/06 **Papers Due/Exam Review**

Week #16 – 12/13 **Final Exam**

IX. Evaluation Procedures

Your final grade will be determined by a combination of exams, a paper, and class participation.

Exams (3)	75% - 25% each
Paper	20%
<u>Class Participation</u>	<u>5%</u>
	100%

The paper will be written on one of the two listed topics. The paper will be at least 10 pages long. The paper will be in APA style and will be written in Times New Roman 12 point type with standard margins. The paper will include a cover page that notes the title of the paper and all the relevant course and student information.

The paper must have at least three references; one reference must be from an academic journal. Late papers will be penalized 10 points per week or part thereof.

The paper topics will be discussed the first day of class.

X. Final Grade Scale

A	=	94 - 100
A-	=	90 - 93
B+	=	87 - 89
B	=	83 - 86
B-	=	80 - 82
C+	=	77 - 79
C	=	73 - 76
C-	=	70 - 72
D+	=	67 - 69
D	=	63 - 66
D-	=	60 - 62
F	=	00 - 59

W	=	Withdrawal
I	=	Incomplete
P / F	=	Pass / Fail
AU	=	Audit

XI. College Withdrawal Policy

A verbal “drop or withdrawal” from course(s) will be accepted through the 10th week of classes in accordance with the designated withdrawal deadlines. Students will need to provide the following information: full name, address, date of birth, student identification number and social security number, course reference number (CRN), description/subject and instructor’s name, if VA / FA benefits, Verbal drops or verbal withdrawals are processed through the Registrar’s Office and Sub-base site ONLY.

XII. Instructor’s Attendance Policy

Consistent attendance at class meetings is crucial to success in this course. You are expected to attend all classes in order to receive full benefit from instruction.

XIII. Academic Dishonesty

Conduct which as its intent or effect the false representation of a student’s academic performance and/or knowingly and intentionally assisting another student to do so in any way constitute academic dishonesty. In the event of academic dishonesty, the College’s policy will be enforced.

XIV. Cellular Phones and Beepers

Students are notified that cellular phones and beepers are allowed in class or in the Learning Resource Center only if they are turned off or turned to a silent mode. Under no circumstances are phones to be answered in class. When there are extenuating circumstances that require that a student be available by phone or beeper, the student should speak to the instructor prior to class so that together they can arrive at an agreement.