

Course Overview

University of Hawaii Mānoa
Department of Sociology, Saunders 247
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Welcome to Sociology 715-01 - Spring 2009

Current Issues in Sociology through Criminology
Meeting times: Fridays 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. BusAd D102
Option B - Chat Room - Laulima

Instructor:

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Course Description:

This course examines some of the basic elements of the social processes of deviance through the criminal justice systems of at least eight countries. It begins with a historical overview of "what is crime; how is it defined in common and uncommon terms; how do different societies classify deviant behavior in their social and legal systems?" The course relates classical theoretical perspectives and contemporary research in identifying the etiology of deviance which violates the law and measures the efficacy of existing programs that address the problems.

Objectives of the Course:

- . to familiarize the student with all facets of the Civil and criminal processes in the countries studied
- . to inform the student of political, managerial, and client conflict within these processes
- . to educate the student regarding the history and development of Crime, criminology, and social and political responses to deviance
- . to encourage critical thinking and research for possible change

Learner Expectations Statement

To assist in the active contribution of both students and faculty, critical dialogue is essential. Interactive and collaborative learning requires the support of all members of the team. We will work together to increase our knowledge, further our research, and prepare a combined final paper that addresses the similarities and differences that exist globally in these arenas.

Attendance Policy:

For those students opting for Option B, we will set a convenient time for in class discussions meeting in the laulima chat room with the Instructor. This will be considered our active class time. There must be a consensus for an active session as I will not be available at different times for each student for discussion. When I receive everyone's available times we will adjust the

class discussion times to fit your schedules and mine. Chat time between students will be determined among yourselves according to when you are available to each other. You must ONLY use your hawaii.edu email address.

Text Requirements

Lilly, J. Robert, Francis T.Cullen and Richard A.Ball, *Criminological Theory: Context and Consequences*, 4th ed. (2007), Sage Publications; Thousand Oaks, CA

Dammer, Harry R. and Erika Fairchild (with Jay Albanese), *Comparative Criminal Justice Systems*, 3rd ed. (2006), Thomson (Cengage) Higher Learning; Belmont, CA

These texts are available through the UH Bookstore. They may also be available at Amazon.com or BookBuy.com.

Assorted articles.

This is only a partial listing of texts and readings available. Most of these texts are available in any university or public library. You can also access the UH databases from off-campus with <http://micro189lib3.hawaii.edu/ezproxy>. What is not available may be offered through ILL (Interlibrary Loan) and I believe it is free.

If you are unable to find sufficient sources at UHManoa libraries, the Director of the library at Chaminade University has given us permission to use the data bases there. Go to Chaminade U campus after 3:00 p.m. and you do not need a parking sticker. (Also you can walk from UHM any time of the day.) Go to the Circulation Desk and tell them that you are in Dr. Goldsborough's criminology courses at UHManoa. Ask the attendant at the Circulation Desk to log you on to the CUH database as a "guest." They will also allow you to use their print periodicals (library use only).

Grading Policy:

Midterm essay exam	= 30%	Research paper	= 30%
Assignments	= 20%	Chat & Class participation	= 20%

The instructor reserves the right to alter the order of readings and assignments.

Calendar

The reading assignments and outlines will be posted each week in Assignments. The Chat Rooms will be designated by date. Look for the first one on January 12th, 2009. Good luck!