

SOC 333
SURVEY OF CRIMINOLOGY (3 units)
Summer 2015 – Session I
Time: TBA
Location: TBA

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will be introduced to concepts used in crime, law enforcement, criminal justice and corrections. We will cover common criminological theories and apply them to the course readings through in class active learning assignments. We will also examine types of criminal behavior, as well as the costs and effects of social control, particularly incarceration.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course students should:

- Understand basic concepts used in crime, law and criminology
- Understand theoretical approaches to criminology and theories of crime causation.
- Recognize strengths and weaknesses in methods of social control.
- Illustrate and discuss through written examinations and assignments different criminological phenomenon using basic criminology concepts and theory.

TEXTBOOK

- Alexander, Michelle. *The New Jim Crow*.
- Bach, Amy. *Ordinary Injustice*
- Kerman, Piper. *Orange is the New Black*
- Additional readings will be posted on Lulima

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Attendance and Participation (20%) - Attendance will be taken each class meeting. Participation will be graded on in-class assignments and participation in writing workshops and class discussions.
2. Journals (30%) - Students will keep a journal of responses to course readings and activities (expected 2-3 pages, typed, double spaced, per week). Typed journal entries will be due every Friday on Laulima by 11:55pm, except last week of class journal is due Wednesday by 11:55pm. Further instructions on the journal entries will be provided in class.
3. Research Paper (10 pages) (50%)
 - a. Research paper outline including bibliography (10% or 30 points)
 - b. Rough Draft (15% or 45 points)
 - c. Final Paper – secondary research paper (25% or 75 points)

GRADING

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| Attendance & Participation | 20% | 60 points |
| Journals | 30% | 90 points |
| Research Essay | 50% | 150 points |
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| Total | 100% | 300 points |

Grading Percentiles:

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| 95 – 100% | A | 80 – 82% | B- | 67 – 69% | D+ |
| 90 – 94% | A- | 76 – 79% | C+ | 64 – 66% | D |
| 86 – 89% | B+ | 73 – 75% | C | 60 – 63% | D- |
| 83 – 85% | B | 70 – 72% | C- | 59% and lower | F |

EXTRA CREDIT

Students will be given opportunities for extra credit should they choose to do so. Extra credit will be in the form of a 1-page paper analyzing a current issue relating to the criminal justice system. Student's grades will not be negatively impacted should they choose not to participate in extra credit assignments. Extra credit may add up to 5% to their final grade.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance is required of this course and will be based on in-class pop quizzes. Medical, legal or personal reasons for absences with documentation will not count against the attendance portion of the grade. Notification of an extenuating conflict with documentation is required and a reasonable accommodation can be made for any missed or late exams and/or assignments.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

- Cell phones must be turned off or silenced during class, except with prior approval from the instructor.
- Computers may be used only for academic purposes while in class. Instructor reserves the right to revoke this privilege if computers become a significant distraction.
- Classroom discussions may touch on a number of sensitive topics. While students are encouraged to share their views, all views must be respected. Interruptions of or insults directed at other students will not be tolerated.

KOKUA

Any student who feels s/he may need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability is invited to contact me privately. I would be happy to work with you, and the KOKUA Program (Office for Students with Disabilities) to ensure reasonable accommodations in my course. KOKUA can be reached at (808) 956-7511 or (808) 956-7612 (voice/text) in room 103 of the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Any form of cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. The following definition of plagiarism comes from the UH Manoa Student Conduct Code:

Plagiarism includes but is not limited to submitting, in fulfillment of an academic requirement, any work that has been copied in whole or in part from another individual's work without attributing that borrowed portion to the individual; neglecting to identify as a quotation another's idea and particular phrasing that was not assimilated into the student's language and style or paraphrasing a passage so that the reader is misled as to the source; submitting the same written or oral or artistic material in more than one course without obtaining authorization from the instructors involved; or "drylabbing," which includes obtaining and using experimental data and laboratory write-ups from other sections of a course or from previous terms.

University of Hawai'i at Manoa Student Conduct Code (1992), p.6

COURSE SCHEDULE

| Week/Meeting Dates | Readings | Topics/Assignments |
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| Week 1 | Course Intro Bach – Introduction and Chapters 1-2 | Class Intro Concepts of Crime, Law & Criminology Journal due: Friday by 11:55pm |
| Week 2 | Bach – Chapters 3-4 and Conclusion | Theories of Crime Causation Journal due: Friday by 11:55pm Research Paper Outline due: Friday |
| Week 3 | Alexander – Introduction and Chapters 1-3 | Theories of Crime Causation Continued Journal due: Friday by 11:55pm “In-Class Writers Workshop”: Wednesday |
| Week 4 | Alexander – Chapters 4-6 | Crime Typologies Rough Draft Due: Wednesday Journal due: Friday by 11:55pm |
| Week 5 | Kerman – Chapters 1-9 | Criminal Justice System Police & Law Enforcement Journal due: Friday by 11:55pm |
| Week 6 | Kerman Chapters 10-18 Course Review | The Judiciary Process Corrections Alternatives to Incarceration Journal due: Wednesday by 11:55pm Research Paper Due: Friday |

* Please note, this is a summer session course that will progress very quickly. Due to the time constraints of the limited number of weeks and class meetings in the session, the syllabus is subject to change at the instructor’s discretion.