

SOC 336
DEVIANT BEHAVIOR & SOCIAL CONTROL (3 units)
Fall 2014 (Online)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, we will explore the many different conceptions, perceptions and types of deviance. We will also examine the different mechanisms of controlling deviance from informal methods such as socialization and normalization, to more formal methods such as legislation, law enforcement, and incarceration. The class is divided into three sections. In the first section, "Defining Deviance and Theoretical Perceptions of Deviance," we will look at the different definitions of deviance, and criminological theories that define and explain deviance, why it occurs, and its causes. In the second section, "Criminalizing Deviance," we will explore different types of positive and negative deviance and the effects of criminalizing deviance. In the third and final section, "Normalizing and Controlling Deviance," we will examine the social control of deviance through normalization, socialization, and institutions.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course students should be able to:

- Describe and evaluate different perspectives and ideologies of deviant behavior and social control measures.
- Understand theoretical approaches to criminology, deviance and social control.
- Recognize strengths and weaknesses in methods of social control.
- Illustrate and discuss through written examinations and assignments concepts of deviance and what roles social bias plays in the understanding and implementation of laws, policies, and social sanctions.
- Describe how deviance and conformity affect our societal framework.

REQUIRED READING

- *Readings in Deviant Behavior* – Alex Thio, Thomas C. Calhoun & Addrain Conyers 2010. 6th Edition (RDB)
- *Social Control: An Introduction* – James J. Chriss (SC)
- Additional readings will be posted on Lulima

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Quizzes (10%)

Each week a short online quiz will be released through Lualima. The quiz will be available on Friday afternoon and due by Sunday night at 11:55pm. Quizzes will be a mixture of multiple choice and short-answer questions.

2. Discussion Board Posts (20%)

Each student will do two discussion board (DB) posts each week. However, there will be no DB posts due for the weeks on which topical papers are due. First, each student will construct an original post commenting on course material from that week. This post should be approximately 250-500 words. This will be due by Wednesday night at 11:55pm. Later in the week, each student will construct a response post, commenting on another student's original post. This post should be approximately 200-400 words and will be due Sunday night at 11:55pm. These posts are a formal assignment, and will be rigorously evaluated. Thus, formal paper writing conventions should be followed. This means using formal language, clear writing, proper grammar, and proper citations. Furthermore, DB posts should not merely be opinion, but use course material to substantiate comments and claims.

3. Assignments (3 at 10% each)

There will be 3 assignments during the course. Due dates are listed in the course schedule. Assignment instructions will be posted on Lualima in the assignments folder. No late submissions are accepted without documented major extenuating circumstances.

4. Analytical Papers (2 at 20%)

Each student will write two short analytical papers on a subject of his/her choice relating to deviance and social control. Analytical papers should briefly summarize a contemporary issue or theme in the study of deviance and social control. Furthermore, students should give their own ideas on how to improve this issue, using course material and outside sources to substantiate their claims. As with DB posts, formal writing conventions should be applied. Paper length should be 500- 750 words.

Notification of an extenuating conflict or absence with documentation from a relevant professional is required and a reasonable accommodation can be made for any missed papers and/or late assignments.

If you are unable to or late in submitting an assignment or paper, you must:

- 1) Talk with me at least 24 hours before the exam or assignment/paper due date (email is acceptable).
AND
- 2) Have a viable reason (i.e. and emergency) for missing a paper deadline or turning assignment or paper in late.
AND
- 3) Have a note from a doctor or relevant professional explaining the nature of your emergency.

Late assignments and papers will be accepted for students who meet the above three criteria. Those who do not meet the above three criteria will receive a score of 0 for the paper or assignment. Those who turn papers or assignments in late and do not meet the above three criteria will be marked down 10%.

GRADING

	Percentage	Points
Quizzes	10%	30 points
Discussion Board Posts	20%	60 points
Assignments (3 at 10% each)	30%	90 points
Analytical Papers (2 at 20% each)	40%	120 points
Total	100%	300 points

Grading Percentiles:

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

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

- Classroom discussions may touch on a number of sensitive topics. Students are encouraged to share their views, and are expected to engage in discussions respectfully. Interruptions 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. Plagiarism is a serious violation of the UH-Manoa Student Conduct Code. In it, plagiarism is defined as follows:

"The term 'plagiarism' includes, but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials."

University of Hawai'i at Manoa Student Conduct Code (2009), E7.208, Pages 4 and 5

COURSE SCHEDULE

* Please note, class schedule may be subject to change depending on progress of the course.

Week/Meeting Dates	Readings	Topics/Assignments
SECTION 1: DEFINING DEVIANCE & THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES OF DEVIANCE		
Week 1	<i>RDB</i> - Introduction pp. 1-8 <i>RDB</i> - Part 1	Introduction and Course Overview Defining Deviance Quiz #1 available Friday @ 3pm. Online course introduction and discussion session: Monday 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Week 2	<i>RDB</i> - Part 2 <i>RDB</i> - Part 3	Positivist Theories Constructionist Theories DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #2 available Friday @ 3pm
Week 3	Part 4 Laulima Reading: Davis, M. "Chapter Five: The Hammer and the Rock" <i>City of Quartz</i> Part 5	Physical Violence Intimate Violence Assignment #1 Due: Monday by 11:55pm DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #3 available Friday @ 3pm
Week 4	Part 6	Self-Destructive Deviance DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #4 available Friday @ 3pm

SECTION 2: CRIMINALIZATION OF DEVIANCE

<p>Week 5</p>	<p>Part 7</p> <p>Laulima Reading: Irwin, K. "Saints and Sinners: Elite Tattoo Collectors and Tattooists as Positive and Negative Deviants"</p>	<p>Stigma & Labeling</p> <p>Analytical Paper #1 Due: Wednesday by 11:55pm</p> <p>NO DB POSTS THIS WEEK</p> <p>NO QUIZ THIS WEEK</p>
<p>Week 6</p>	<p>Part 8</p> <p>Laulima Reading: Goffman, A (2009) "On the Run: Wanted Men in a Philadelphia Ghetto."</p>	<p>Heterosexual Deviance & Masculinity</p> <p>DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm</p> <p>Quiz #5 available Friday @ 3pm</p>
<p>Week 7</p>	<p>Part 9</p> <p>Laulima readings: Logan, E. (1999) "The Wrong Race, Committing Crime, Doing Drugs and Maladjustment for Motherhood"</p>	<p>Substance Use & Abuse</p> <p>DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm</p> <p>Quiz #6 available Friday @ 3pm</p>
<p>Week 8</p>	<p>Part 10</p>	<p>Internet Deviance</p> <p>Assignment #2 Due: Friday by 11:55pm</p> <p>DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm</p> <p>Quiz #7 available Friday @ 3pm</p>
<p>Week 9</p>	<p>Part 11 Part 12 Laulima Reading: TBD</p>	<p>Socialized Deviance & Privilege Underprivileged Deviance</p> <p>DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm</p> <p>Quiz #8 available Friday @ 3pm</p>

SECTION 3: NORMALIZING AND CONTROLLING DEVIANCE

Week 10	<i>SC</i> – Chapter 4 <i>SC</i> – Chapter 7	Medical Social Control DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #9 available Friday @ 3pm
Week 11	<i>RDB</i> – Chapter 49 <i>SC</i> – Chapter 3 <i>SC</i> – Chapter 6	Informal Social Control Assignment #3 Due: Friday by 11:55pm DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #10 available Friday @ 3pm
Week 12	<i>RDB</i> – Chapter 47 <i>RDB</i> – Chapter 48 <i>RDB</i> – Chapter 50 <i>SC</i> – Chapter 5 <i>SC</i> – Chapter 8	Formal Social Control DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #11 available Friday @ 3pm
Week 13	Laulima Reading: Stop and Frisk Terrorism Reading: TBA	Terrorism and Social Control DB posts due Wednesday and Sunday nights by 11:55pm Quiz #12 available Friday @ 3pm
Week 14	Reading TBA	Future of Social Control Analytical Paper #2 Due: Friday by 11:55pm NO DB POSTS THIS WEEK NO QUIZ THIS WEEK