

Sociology 333: Survey of Criminology
Fall 2018, T&TH, 1:30-2:45 PM, CR 105

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Criminology is the study of law-making, law-breaking, and law-enforcement. This course surveys these fields. Unit I focuses on major institutions, actors, and processes in American criminal justice, including policing, prosecution, criminal defense, judging, jury trials, and plea bargaining. Unit II examines the institutions and practices of criminal punishment. Unit III explores two forms of state-killing: capital punishment, and killing by police. Prerequisite: SOC 100, or any 200-level SOC course, or junior standing, or consent of the professor.

There are three required books in addition to other required readings that will be announced in class, assigned by email, or posted on Lualima. The class format combines lecture and discussion. Students are expected to do all of the assigned readings and to come to class prepared to discuss them. The professor will call on students in class, and there will be occasional pop quizzes.

Learning Objectives: (1) To understand what crime is and what causes, controls, and prevents it. (2) To understand how the American criminal process operates. (3) To understand how American criminal justice compares to criminal justice in other countries. (4) To understand the nature and effects of criminal punishment. (5) To understand how meanings and feelings about crime and criminal justice are constructed and manipulated.

Books (available in paperback)

Amy Bach, *Ordinary Injustice: How America Holds Court* (Metropolitan Books, 2009).

Peter Moskos, *In Defense of Flogging* (Basic Books, 2011).

Scott Turow, *Ultimate Punishment: A Lawyer's Reflections on Dealing with the Death Penalty* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003).

Grading: Exam 1=30 pts, Exam 2=30 pts, Exam 3=30 pts, Attendance, Participation, Quizzes, & Assignments=10 pts. Final grades: 90-100 pts=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 59 or fewer=F.

Note: (1) Students who cheat or plagiarize in any way will receive an F for the course (see here for the relevant rules on academic honesty: <https://www.hawaii.edu/eli/useful-information-for-students/academic-honesty>); (2) The professor will make reasonable accommodations for students with a certified disability (UH Kokua Program, tel 808-956-7511, QLC Room 013). If you believe you need an accommodation, you must contact the professor during the *first week* of the semester. (3) An exam will be administered at the end of each unit, and one or more of the exams will be take-home.

Fall 2018 COURSE OVERVIEW for SOC 333: SURVEY OF CRIMINOLOGY*

UNIT I: CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Weeks 1-5, T August 21 to TH September 20; Main text: Amy Bach, *Ordinary Injustice* (2009), Introduction, Ch.1-4, and Conclusion (pp.1-266).

UNIT II: CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT: Weeks 6-10, T September 25 to TH October 25. Main text: Peter Moskos, *In Defense of Flogging* (2011), pp.1-154.

UNIT III: WHEN THE STATE KILLS: Weeks 11-16, Tuesday October 30 to TH December 6; Main text: Scott Turow, *Ultimate Punishment* (2003), Ch.1-15 and Preamble to the Illinois Report (pp.3-125).

**Other required readings* will be announced in class, assigned by email, or posted on Lulima. Documentary films will also be shown during the semester – dates & details to be announced.