

SOC 336
Deviant Behavior and Social Control (3 units)
MWF 12:30-1:20pm
Fall 2011

COURSE SYLLABUS

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Prerequisite: N/A

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Interrelations of deviance, criminology, juvenile delinquency, corrections, social control, sociology of law. Key concepts, theories.

2. COURSE OBJECTIVES

In this course we will examine our collective and singular understanding of deviance and subsequently what we know to be conformity, and the practical applications of both concepts. We will also explore the assumptions embedded within social point-of-views which color our sociological lenses and which we can critically evaluate in order to understand reflexivity. The mid-term and the final exam are essay-style answers to prompts, which will be influenced by classroom discussion, videos and readings. This course will involve in-depth small group discussions, along with short lectures and in-class presentations. **All students in this class will be expected to participate in small group work, larger classroom discussions and the presentation of all small group work to the larger class.**

3. LEARNING GOALS IN GENERAL EDUCATION

This course meets the University of Hawaii Diversification Requirements in the Social Sciences (DS) for the Core Competency standards for each of the following areas: Critical Thought, Communication, Civic Engagement, Ethical and Moral Development, Cultural Respect and Tolerance, and Global Awareness

4. STUDENT LEARNING GOALS

- Describe, connect and evaluate racial, religious, political, and social issues relevant to deviant behavior, the concept of deviance, and social control measures
- Illustrate and discuss through written examinations 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

- Identify and demonstrate working understanding of sociological theories and their application to understanding real-world behaviors and social control
- Demonstrate ability to critically analyze, critique and evaluate media coverage of social behaviors both deviant and conforming
- Become comfortable with topics such as sexuality, gender, cultural relativity, bias, socialization processes, and reflexivity in personal and collective assumptions

5. REQUIRED TEXT

Readings in Deviant Behavior – Alex Thio, Thomas C. Calhoun & Addrain Conyers

2010. 6th Edition

ISBN: 9780205695577

(This collection of articles and chapters is very well put together and a great read. We will be able to use this text in addition to collected articles and videos in order to explore deviance and control measures fully and academically.)

We will sometimes explore certain concepts with outside readings, given appropriate time and availability of resources. These will be either posted on Laulima or handed out in class.

6. GRADING POLICY

Grading Criteria:

Quizzes 8 x 25 each:	200 points
Mid-Term:	100 points
Final:	100 points

Total available points: 400 points

Grading percentiles:

95 – 100%	A	90-94%	A-		
88 – 89%	B+	83-87%	B	80-82%	B-
78 – 79%	C+	73-77%	C	70-72%	C-
68 – 69%	D+	63-67%	D	60-62%	D-
59% or lower			F		

The ability to retain knowledge will be measured in the classroom, and the skills of critical thinking and deeper theoretical synthesis will be assessed in the written exams. The mid-term and final exams will be due in the student portal class inbox by 10pm on the due dates listed in the schedule. Any late exams will be marked down by 10% for every day they are time stamped late. The participation grade includes group work during class time, which will be collected by the instructor at the end of each meeting where group work was accomplished.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory. Medical, legal or personal reasons for absences with documentation will not count against the attendance portion of the grade. Participation in class will be documented in part by analysis of group participation by group members, and unplanned group work designed to measure the reading comprehension of students in the course.

Missed Exams

Any exam that is not turned in on time will not be counted toward the student's final grade. The exams will be posted on the student portal 5 (5) business days before their due date. Notification of an extenuating conflict is required, and a reasonable accommodation can be made.

Extra Credit

Extra credit opportunities may present themselves over the duration of the session, and will be clarified when the opportunities are presented to the class. Any extra credit opportunity will be accompanied by secondary options, and not turning in extra credit will not negatively impact a course grade.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating is the equivalent of trying to steal grades either through specific actions of plagiarism, or general dishonest academic work. Plagiarism is using specific ideas from someone else without citing the original source. Academic dishonesty will be handled at the class level through a failing grade for the assignment and the class as per the Student Conduct Handbook, as well as referral to academic services for investigation and sanctions.

Grading Disputes

Be sure to print out copies of the receipt of all exams turned in electronically, copies of extra credit work with grades, and any other communication between instructor and student in case of grade recording errors, which will be corrected if they can be proven by the student. If there are any further disputes, academic affairs personnel are always available to support students.

7. SPECIAL NEEDS/DISABILITIES

Any student with special needs will be accommodated. The student can make arrangements with the Kokua office, and needs will be met. The Kokua Program office is located downstairs in QLCSS 013; Phone: (808) 956-7511 or (808) 956-7612.

8. CLASS MEETING ETIQUETTE

- **Cell phones will be turned off during class meeting times, except with prior approval from the instructor.**
- Computers will be used for academic purposes only during meeting times
- Discussion topics will sometimes be controversial. Therefore, we will respect the confidentiality of the classroom, the diversity of the student body, and the importance of engaging in substantive discussions of social inequality and political/societal issues.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week/Meeting Dates	Reading	Topics/Assignments
Week 1 Week of: August 22	Start Part 1	Introduction, overview, course mapping
Week 2 Week of: August 29	Part 1	Defining and exploring the concept of Deviance Quiz on Friday, 09/02/11
Week 3 Week of: September 5 No class Monday, 09/05	Part 2	Positivist schools of thought Quiz on Friday, 09/09/11
Week 4 Week of: September 12	Part 3	Constructionist schools of thought
Week 5 Week of: September 19	Part 4	Deviant violence Quiz on Friday, 09/23/11
Week 6 Week of: September 26	Part 5	Violence and Romance
Week 7 Week of: October 3	Part 6	Internal violence/self-destruction Quiz on Friday, 10/07/11
Week 8 Week of: October 10	Part 7	Stigma and labeling
Week 9 Week of: October 17	Research Week	Mid-term due in Laulima by 10pm on October 21
Week 10 Week of: October 24	Part 8	Heterosexuality, sexuality, deviance and normality Quiz on Friday, 10/28/11
Week 11 Week of: October 31	Part 9	Drugs, alcohol, and when these become deviant

<p>Week 12 Week of: November 7 No class Friday, 11/11</p>	<p>Part 10</p>	<p>Electronic deviance and the electronic self Quiz on Friday, 11/11/11</p>
<p>Week 13 Week of: November 14</p>	<p>Part 11</p>	<p>Socialized deviance and privilege Quiz on Friday, 11/18/11</p>
<p>Week 14 Week of: November 21 No class Thurs/Fri 11/23, 24</p>	<p>Section 12</p>	<p>Deviance in the absence of privilege</p>
<p>Week 15 Week of: November 28</p>	<p>Section 13</p>	<p>Law, social sanctions and institutional control Quiz on Friday, 12/02/11</p>
<p>Week 16 Week of: December 5 Last class meeting Dec 7</p>	<p>Wrap-up & Review</p>	
<p>Finals Week Week of: December 12</p>		<p>Final due in Laulima by 10pm on December 14th.</p>