Course Description
This course will focus on the nature and extent of delinquency, answering the question of what is delinquency and how does it differ from adult crimes. We will examine the theories of delinquency, primarily focusing on strain theory, social learning, labeling, and control theory.

Then we will look at some of the “causes” of delinquency, specifically the individual traits, the family factors, school factors, peer groups, gangs, and other factors. As well as examining the control and prevention of delinquency by looking at what the juvenile justice system (police, juvenile court, juvenile correctional agencies) does to control delinquency.

We will also pay special attention to the general strategies surrounding the controlling of delinquency: the "get tough" strategies of deterrence and the strategies of rehabilitation and prevention.

Requirements

Student Evaluation
Your grade will consist of the following:

10 Discussion Question postings worth 1.5 pts each
10 Assignments worth 3 points each
Mid-term exam worth 25 points
Final exam worth 30 points

Total 100 points

Students should regularly check their Hawaii email account for messages.
Course Outline and Readings: (Schedule is subject to change)

Week/Topic/Reading Assignment
Week 1 Childhood & Delinquency Chapter 1
Week 2 Nature & Extent of Deliquency Chapter 2
Week 3 Ind views of Delinquency Chapter 3
Week 4 Sociological Views of Delinquency Chapter 4
Week 5 Developmental Views of Delinquency Chapter 5

Week 6
Gender & Delinquency Chapter 6

Week 7 Family & Delinquency Chapter 7
Mid-term exam (Chapters 1-7)

Week 8
Peers & Delinquency Chapter 8

Week 9 Schools & Delinquency Chapter 9

Week 10 Drug Use & Delinquency Chapter 10

Week 11
History & Development of Juv Justice Chapter 11

Week 12 Police Work with Juveniles Chapter 12

Week 13
Juvenile Court Process Chapter 13

Week 14
Juvenile Corrections Chapter 14

Week 15 Topic TBA Chapter 15
FINAL EXAM (Ch’s 8-15)

SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS:
• NO MAKE UPS FOR ASSIGNMENTS, DISCUSSIONS, or EXAMS
• NO EXTRA CREDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE UPON REQUEST
• NO GRADE NEGOTIATING

Doing well in this class: In order to do well in this class, it is important that you a) follow along with all assignments, and discussion questions, and (b) do all required readings
It is critical that you do the readings. Doing the readings will help you to better understand the course material and focus your paper topics to the relevant areas that we have been covering.