Course Description & Objective
This course will critically analyze the way social structures and social interaction create, maintain and change the experience and expression of deviance. Our objective is to acquaint the student with sociological and social-psychological theories and research of deviant behavior, enable the student to critically analyze the construction of deviance and the future of deviant labeling. Progression through this class will acquaint students with subjects like intelligence, motivation, development, abnormal psychology, trauma, brain damage, and various stressors as a part of interpreting deviant behavior.

Requirements

Student Evaluation
Your grade will consist of the following:

10 discussion postings 15 points
10 Assignments 30 points
Midterm exam 25 points
Final exam 30 points

Total 100 points

Exams are online, multiple choice/true false, and open-book

Students should regularly check their Hawaii email account for messages.

Course Outline and Readings: (Schedule is subject to change)
Topic Reading Assignment
Nature & Meaning of Deviance Chapter 1
Deviant Events & Social Control Chapter 2
Becoming Deviant Chapter 3
Major Theories of Deviance Chapter 4
SOME IMPORTANT ITEMS:

1. NO EXTRA CREDIT IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS COURSE UPON REQUEST
2. NO GRADE NEGOTIATING

Doing well in this class: In order to do well in this class, it is important that you a) view all the lectures, stay up with the discussion board, and (b) do all required readings.

It is critical that you do the readings. Doing the readings will help you to better understand the posted Powerpoint lectures and focus your discussion postings topics to the relevant areas that we have been covering.