

**Sociology 333: Survey of Criminology**

**Spring 2017, M & W, 10:30-11:45 AM, BusAd C102**

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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 police, prosecutors, defense lawyers, judges, plea bargaining, probation, prison, and parole. Unit II examines issues related to incarceration, race, and class in the United States. Unit III explores the practice and problem of capital punishment and other forms of state killing. 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 readings that will be announced in class or assigned by email. 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 quizzes.

Learning Objectives: To help students develop the ability to think clearly & independently about crime-related issues, and the ability to live confidently, courageously, and hopefully.

**Required Books** (all available in paperback)

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

Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (The New Press, Revised Edition, 2012).

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

**Grading**: Exam 1=40 pts, Exam 2=30 pts, Exam 3=20 pts, Attendance, Participation, Quizzes, & Assignments=10 pts: 90-100 pts=A, 80-89=B, 70-79=C, 60-69=D, 59=F.

**Note**: (1) Students who cheat or plagiarize in any way will receive an F for the course. (2) The professor will make reasonable accommodations for students with a certified disability (UH Kokua Program, tel 956-7511). (3) An exam will be administered at the end of each unit, and one or more of the exams will be take-home.

**COURSE SCHEDULE\***

**UNIT I: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**: Weeks 1-6; Read Amy Bach, *Ordinary Injustice*, Introduction, Ch.1-4, and Conclusion (pp.1-266).

**UNIT II: INCARCERATION**: Weeks 7-10. Read Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, Ch.1-6 (pp.ix-xvii and pp.1-261).

**UNIT III: CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**: Weeks 11-16; Read Scott Turow, *Ultimate Punishment*, Ch.1-15, and Preamble to Illinois Report (pp.3-125).

\*Some documentary films will be shown during the semester, dates & details to be announced.