**Sociology 333: Survey of Criminology**  
UH Manoa, Spring 2020, M&W, 12:00 – 1:15, KUY 306 (CRN 82388)  
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*Criminology* is the study of law-making, law-breaking, and law-enforcement. This course surveys these three fields. **Unit I** will focus on the major institutions, actors, and processes in American criminal justice, including prosecution, defense lawyering, judging, jury trials, and plea bargaining. **Unit II** will examine criminal punishment and restorative justice. **Unit III** will explore selected topics in criminology, including capital punishment, killing by police, racial profiling, and police interrogation. In all three units of this class we will discuss how & why people break the law and how & why some human behaviors get criminalized while others do not. **Prerequisite:** SOC 100, or any 200-level SOC course, or junior standing, or consent of the professor.

There are two required books (which you must purchase) in addition to other required readings that will be announced in class, assigned by email, or posted on Laulima. 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. NOTE: the professor will call on students in class, and there will be occasional pop quizzes about the readings.

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

**Books**


**Grading:** There are 100 possible points. 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](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, please 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.


UNIT III: OTHER TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY: Weeks 14-18. Main text: *Reforming Criminal Justice* (2017), 4 volumes, edited by Erik Luna, at [https://law.asu.edu/faculty/centers/academyforjustice/report](https://law.asu.edu/faculty/centers/academyforjustice/report). Note: we will read selected chapters from these 4 volumes.

*NOTE: Other required readings are described in the Class Schedule, which is posted on Laulima, and which may be revised from time to time. Additional readings and assignments may also be announced in class or by email, and some documentary films will be watched during the semester – dates & details to be announced.*