

(47:202:102:05) CRIMINOLOGY
3 Credits
Fall Semester 2018

Tuesday and Thursday
10 a.m – 11:20 a.m.

I. Course Information

Instructor Information:

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Course Overview:

This course offers an overview of the scientific study of crime. Topics include the history of criminology, definition and measurement of crime, time trends, various theoretical approaches to the study of crime, and the characteristics of different types of crime. (3 credits)

Prerequisite: None

B.S., Criminal Justice Program Learning Goals

Upon completion of the B.S. in Criminal Justice at Rutgers University-Newark, students should be able to:

- 1) Describe the development and functions of major criminal justice institutions (e.g., police, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice), the activities of actors within these institutions, and how they relate to one another as well as the broader social, political, and economic world.
- 2) Describe the mechanisms, correlates, theoretical underpinnings, and situational contexts of crime, criminal behavior and opportunity, and techniques for prevention and treatment.
- 3) Apply and analyze theories related to the policies and practices of the criminal justice system and its major institutions.
- 4) Demonstrate the ability to gather, explain, and apply empirical research in the field of criminal justice.

5) Obtain a comprehensive knowledge about the process of conducting criminal justice research, and develop the skills to conduct criminal justice research with appropriate methodologies.

Course Learning Objectives:

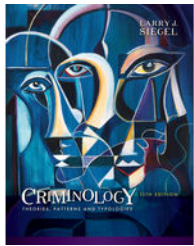
By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand how crime is defined and measured;
2. Explain the major theories explaining criminal behavior and the principal research findings associated with each major theory;
3. Analyze characteristics of different types of crime, including recent crime trends and characteristics of victims, offenders, and crime events; and
4. Describe basic principles of social science research, as applied to crime.

Required Readings:

You will need the Online Textbook from CENGAGE PUBLISHING with the access code for the following text book.

We will go over how to purchase your digital book and access code for Mindtap assignments on the first day of class.



Seigel, Larry. *Criminology: Theories, Patterns, and Typologies*. 13th Edition. Cengage Learning. 2017.

You will need to have an online access code for the book and assignments that will be on blackboard which are linked from Cengage Publishing (MindTap). This access code is free for the first 21 days after that you can purchase the access code online or through the Rutgers bookstore. We will go over how to order your digital book and how to access Mindtap assignments on the first day of class.

Course Requirements:

Students are required to read assigned readings and participate in classroom discussions in a manner that reflects familiarity with the readings and previous class sessions. Students are required to access blackboard regularly and complete the MINDTAP assignments and to stay informed about any changes in lecture topics, assigned readings and other course announcements.

Blackboard will be used for all student assignments, check it regularly. The syllabus, assignments, grading rubrics, and Mindtap assignments will be posted and accepted through Blackboard or through the Cengage Mindtap website. Additional assignments may occur as the semester proceeds and will be announced in class and posted on Blackboard. You are responsible for everything posted on Blackboard, whether or not it is mentioned in class. Checking Blackboard regularly since course assignments, due dates, and our syllabus may be subject to changes.

Course Structure:

Course content will be a mixture of traditional lectures, class discussions, Mindtap assignments, guest speakers, video presentations, and on-site visits. Additionally, there will be several in-class activities, exercises and assignments.

II. Course Schedule

Date	Class Topic	Readings & Assignments Due
Week 1 9/4 & 9/6	Introductions and review of Syllabus Constitution and the Bill of Rights	Introductions and review of Syllabus Constitution and the Bill of Rights
Week 2 9/11, 9/13	Ch. 1 Courts and the Criminal justice system	Ch1; Check Blackboard for Ch. 1 Assignments
Week 3 9/17, 9/19	Ch. 2 Crime Data	Ch2; Check Blackboard for Ch. 2 Assignments
Week 4 9/24, 9/26	Ch. 3 Victims and Victimization	Ch3; Check Blackboard for Ch. 3 Assignments
Week 5 10/1, 10/3	Ch. 4 Rational Choice Theory	Ch4; Check Blackboard for Ch. 4 Assignments
Week 6 10/8, 10/10	Ch. 5 Trait Theories	Ch5; Check Blackboard for Ch. 5 Assignments
Week 7 10/15, 10/17	Library Session, In Class Quiz	In Class Library Session assignment, In Class Quiz
Week 8 10/22, 10/24	Ch. 6 Social Structure Theory	Ch6; Check Blackboard for Ch. 6 Assignments
Week 9 10/29, 10/31	CH. 7 Social Process Theories	Ch7; Check Blackboard for Ch. 7 Assignments
Week 10 11/5, 11/7	Ch. 8 Critical Criminology and restorative Justice	Ch8; Check Blackboard for Ch. 8 Assignments
Week 11 11/12, 11/14	Ch. 10 Violence against women	Ch10; Check Blackboard for Ch. 10 Assignments
Week 12 11/19, 11/21	Ch. 11 Political Crime	Ch11; Check Blackboard for Ch. 11 Assignments

Week 13 11/26, 11/28	Ch. 13 White Collar Crime	Ch13; Check Blackboard for Ch. 13 Assignments
Week 14 12/3, 12/5	Ch. 14 Public Order Crime	Ch14; Check Blackboard for Ch. 14 Assignments
Week 15 12/10, 12/12	Ch. 15 Crimes of the Millennium	Ch15; Check Blackboard for Ch. 15 Assignments
Week 16 FINAL EXAM WEEK	FINAL EXAM WEEK 12/14 to 12/21 Final Exam on 12/17	FINAL EXAM WEEK 12/14 to 12/21 Final Exam on 12/17

III. Grading

The final grade will be assessed based upon performance on the following:

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| 1. Attendance | (10%) | CLO 1-4 |
| 2. Assignments & quizzes | (60%). | CLO 1-3 |
| 3. Final Paper | (30%). | CLO 2-4 |

QUIZZES and ASSIGNMENTS (50 %): MINDTAP Assignments and Quizzes are worth 50% of your final grade. All assignments can be found on blackboard and have different point totals depending on the difficulty of the assignment.

FINAL PAPER (30%): The final will be graded on a 100-point scale. See Blackboard for the grading Rubric. This assignment is worth 30% of the final grade.

ATTENDANCE (10%): A percentage of your grade is based on class participation and attendance. Attendance is mandatory and crucial to your success in this course. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to identify missed content and turn in missed assignments. Missing more than 3 classes will impact your grade.

The following grading scale will be used for this course:

A	90–100%
B+	85-89%
B	80-84%
C+	75-79%
C	70-74%
D	60-69%
F	<60%

Late or Missing Assignment Policy:

Attendance for this course is mandatory. Attendance will be taken at the start of every class. Students are permitted two unexcused absences. Starting with a student’s third unexcused absence, points will be deducted from their final grade. Late assignments will not be accepted

without permission and a valid medical or bereavement excuse.

IV. Course Policies

Classroom Rules

All members of this class are required to conduct themselves in an appropriate and professional manner. Laptops are permitted only if disengaged from the internet and other electronic devices should be stored away unless you specifically seek the instructor's permission. In this class, we may have discussions that challenge our taken for granted assumptions about crime and justice. Students should be prepared to engage honestly and openly about this material and perhaps even examine their own beliefs about the issues. While I am hopeful that the course materials will spark interesting discussion, personal insults or other types of demeaning, disrespectful, or threatening comments toward other class members about their experiences, backgrounds, or statements will **NOT** be tolerated. **NO RECORDING, VIDEOTAPING, OR PICTURE TAKING WITHOUT PERMISSION.**

Academic Integrity

As a member of the Rutgers University community you are not to engage in any academic dishonesty. You are responsible for adhering to basic academic standards of honesty and integrity as outlined in the Rutgers University Policy on Academic Integrity for Undergraduate and Graduate Students <http://studentconduct.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity>

Your academic work should be the result of your own individual effort, you should not allow other students to use your work, and you are required to recognize and reference any material that is not your own. Violations of the university's policy will result in appropriate action.

Academic Resources

Students with Disabilities

Rutgers University is committed to providing equal educational opportunity for persons with disabilities in accordance with the Nondiscrimination Policy of the University and in compliance with § 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. For additional information please visit the website <https://ods.rutgers.edu/> or contact the representative for the Newark Campus.

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Psychological and Counseling Services

If you experience psychological or other difficulties as a result of this course, or because of other issues that may interfere with your performance in the course, please contact the university's psychological and counseling service center (<http://www.counseling.newark.rutgers.edu>; 973-353-5805), which is located in Blumenthal Hall, room 101. The center offers a variety of free, confidential services to part-time and full-time students who are enrolled at Rutgers.

If you are interested in finding out more about

- Accelerated Master's Program (B.S. /M.A.)
- Criminal Justice National Honor Society (Alpha Phi Sigma)

Please refer to the School of Criminal Justice website <http://rscj.newark.rutgers.edu/>