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**Instructor Information**

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**Office Hours: By arrangement in person or via Zoom.**

**Course Overview**

This course will examine crime's theoretical causes and effects by drawing upon factors associated with crime causation. Initially, this course will focus on the definition and levels of crime presently experienced in society and will then move toward theoretical explanations of criminal behavior.

**Course Structure**

This course meets weekly on Mondays & Wednesdays mornings from 10:00 am to 11:20 am. If we need to switch to remote learning anytime during the semester, we will continue to meet at the same time via Zoom.

**Course Introduction and Goals**

After this semester, students will have a broad understanding of the origin and development of the study of crime. Students will understand and be able to explain several criminological theories that help explain criminal behavior. Students will also become familiar with the Uniform Crime Reports and the various crime typologies. Finally, students will be able to correlate these schools of thought and theoretical explanations to current public policy debates and lawmaking decisions.

**Program Level Goal**

Understand and articulate the predominant criminological theories, including the nature and causes of crime, typologies, offenders, and victims.

**Student learning outcomes and instruments of assessment**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Explain the origins and development of the study of crime

Distinguish among the types of data measurement

Compare and contrast different schools of criminological theories

Identify the public policy implications of the various theories

Specify the types of crime included in the UCR report—Parts I and II 6. Write a policy memo

**Required Text**

Larry J. Siegel, "Criminology"

8th Edition

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**Course Schedule**

<b>Class</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
<b>Class# 1</b> Wednesday- 1/18/23	<b>Introduction &amp; Syllabus</b> Introduction and Course Overview.	<b>None</b>
<b>Class# 2</b> Monday -01/23/2023	<b>Part 1.</b> Concepts of Crime, Law, and Criminology.	<b>Ch.1 Crime and Criminology</b>
<b>Class# 3</b> Wednesday- 01/25/23	<b>Chapter 1.</b> In class Assignment	<b>Chapter 1. Continued</b>
<b>Class# 4</b> Monday- 01/30/23	<b>Chapter 2: The Nature and Extent of Crime.</b>	<b>Chapter 2.</b>
<b>Class# 5</b> Wednesday 02/1/23	<b>Chapter 2. Continued</b> In class Assignment	<b>Chapter 2. Continued</b>
<b>Class# 6</b> Monday- 2/6/23	<b>Chapter 3: Victims and Victimization</b>	<b>Chapter 3.</b>
<b>Class# 7</b> Wednesday- 2/08/23	<b>Chapter 3. Continued</b> In class Assignment	<b>Chapter 3. Continued Online Reading</b>

<b>Class# 8</b> Monday- 2/13/23	<u><b>Part 2. Theories of Crime Causation</b></u>	<b>Chapter 4. Rational Choice Theory</b>
<b>Class# 9</b> Wednesday- 2/15/23	<b>Chapter 4 Continued: Rational Choice Theory</b>	<b>In Class Assignment:</b>
<b>Class# 10</b> Monday- 2/20/23	<u><b>Chapter 5 Trait Theories</b></u>	<b>Online Reading</b>
<b>Class# 11</b> Wednesday- 2/22/23	<u><b>Chapter 5 Continued</b></u>	<b>Chapter 5 Online Reading</b>
<b>Class# 12</b> Monday-2/27/23	<u><b>Chapter 6: Social Structure Theories</b></u>	<b>Chapter 6 Social Structure theories.</b>
<b>Class# 13</b> Wednesday-3/1/23	<u><b>Chapter 6 continued</b></u>	<b>Online Reading</b>
<b>Class # 14</b> Monday- 3/6/23	<u><b>Chapter 7: Social Process Theories</b></u>	<b>Assignment: In class work</b>
<b>Class #15</b> Wednesday-3/8/23	<u><b>Chapter 7 Continued</b></u>	<b>In class assignment</b>
<b>Class #16</b> Monday-3/13/23	<b>NO CLASS – Spring Break</b>	
<b>Class # 17</b> Wednesday- 3/15/23	<b>NO CLASS – Spring Break</b>	
<b>Class #18</b> Monday- 3/20/23	<b>Midterm Review:</b>	Will be paired in groups.
<b>Class #19</b> Wednesday- 3/22/23	<b>Midterm via Canvas. No class. Have until end of day to complete it.</b>	<b>No class</b>

<b>Class # 20</b> Monday- 3/27/23	<b><u>Chapter 8: Social Conflict, Critical Criminology and Restorative Justice</u></b>	<b>Chapter 8</b> <b>In class reading.</b>
<b>Class # 21</b> Wednesday- 3/29/23	<b><u>Chapter 8</u> continued</b>	<b>In-class Assignment:</b>
<b>Class # 22</b> Monday-4/3/23	<b><u>Chapter 9. Developmental Theories: Life Course, Latent Trait, and Trajectory</u></b>	<b>Online Reading</b>
<b>Class # 23</b> Wednesday-4/5/23	<b><u>Chapter 9</u> continued</b>	<b>In class Assignment</b>
<b>Class # 24</b> Monday-4/10/23	<b><u>Part 3. Crime Typologies</u></b>	<b>Chapter 10</b> <b>Interpersonal Violence</b>
<b>Class # 25</b> Wednesday-04/12/23	<b><u>Chapter 10</u> Continued</b>	<b>Online Reading</b>
<b>Class # 26</b> Monday-04/17/23	<b><u>Chapter 11</u></b> <b>Political Crime and Terrorism</b>	<b>In class work</b>
<b>Class #27</b> Wednesday-04/19/23	<b><u>Chapter 11</u> continued</b>	<b>Online Reading</b>
<b>Class #28</b> Monday-04/24/23	<b><u>Chapter 12. Economic Crimes: Blue-Collar, White-Collar, and Green-Collar</u></b>	<b>Chapter 12</b> <b>Online Reading</b>
<b>Class # 29</b> Wednesday- 04/26/23	<b><u>Chapter 13. Public Order Crimes</u></b>	<b>In class work</b>
<b>Class #30</b> Monday-05/01/23	<b><u>Chapter 14: Crimes of the New Millennium: Cybercrime and Transnational Organized Crime</u></b>	<b>Chapter 14</b> <b>Online Reading</b>

<b>Class #31</b> Wednesday-05/03/23	<b><u>Final Review</u></b>	<b>Group Work</b>
<b>Class #32</b> Monday-05/08/23	<b><u>Final Online</u></b>	<b>No Class</b>

## Grading

The following grading system will be used for this course:

• Attendance	10%
• Criminology Paper	20 %
• Quizzes	20 %
• Midterm Exam	25 %
• Final Exam	25 %
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> 100 %

The following scale will be used to determine the final letter grade of this course:

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

### **Attendance 10%**

According to Rutgers University regulations, attendance is expected at all regularly scheduled course meetings. Attendance for this course counts for 10% of your final grade. Four (4) missed classes will result in a drop of one full grade. Six (6) missed classes will result in course failure. Two tardiness amounts to one absence.

**Quizzes (20%)** will cover assigned readings, handouts, class discussions, presentations, and videos. It is important to keep current with the assigned readings as most of the questions on the quiz will derive from readings. Students must arrive on time for the quiz to be able to take the exam. Quizzes' will comprise of 5-10 questions. The quizzes will be administered at random throughout the semester.

**Mid-term Exam (25%)** This course will measure knowledge of the outlined topic areas by administering a mid-term exam. The exam will be a combination of multiple-choice, true or

false, and open-ended responses based on a combination of course lectures and assigned readings.

**Final Exam (25%)** This course will also measure knowledge of the outlined topic areas by administering a final exam. The exam will be a combination of multiple-choice, true or false, and open-ended responses based on a combination of course lectures and assigned readings.

**Criminology Paper 20%**

Your paper will be on a serial killer. It will comprise of seven pages. You will apply a theory from the book to the serial killer. Your paper should be double-spaced and cited using APA Format. Your papers should be uploaded onto CANVAS. They will not be accepted via email or in paper form. The papers should answer the following questions:

- 1) What was their childhood like?
- 2) Were there any precursors?
- 3) Did childhood behavior reflect problems?
- 4) What was their adult life like?
- 5) Did they finish high school/college?
- 6) Were they ever diagnosed with a mental disorder?
- 7) Did they ever receive treatment?
- 8) How many victims?
- 9) Were they caught?
- 10) Are they still alive? Or did they die differently than their sentence? Or were they sentenced to death and executed in prison?

**General Information (School of Criminal Justice and University)**

**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 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 yours. Violations of the university's policy will result in appropriate action.

### **COVID-19 Protocol**

Please keep updated with all university COVID-19 related information at RU-N's Operating Status page located at <https://www.newark.rutgers.edu/covid-19-operating-status>. You can also access the University-wide COVID 19 page at <https://coronavirus.rutgers.edu/>.

Student support related to COVID 19 information can be found at <https://myrun.newark.rutgers.edu/>.

COVID 19 and health related questions can be sent to [student-wellness@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:student-wellness@newark.rutgers.edu).

### **Accommodation and Support Statement**

Rutgers University Newark (RU-N) is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students and the University as a whole. RU-N has identified the following resources to further the mission of access and support:

**For Individuals Experiencing Disability:** The Office of Disability Services (ODS) works with students with medical, physical, and/or mental conditions who encounter disabling barriers in order to determine reasonable and appropriate accommodations for access. Students who have completed the process with ODS and have approved accommodations are provided a Letter of Accommodation (LOA) specific to each course. To initiate accommodations for their course students must both provide the LOA to and have a conversation with the course instructor about the accommodations. This should occur as early in the semester as possible. More information can be found at the [RU-N ODS website \(ods.newark.rutgers.edu\)](https://ods.newark.rutgers.edu). Contact ODS at (973) 3535375 or via email at [ods@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:ods@newark.rutgers.edu).

**For Individuals who are Pregnant:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance is available to assist with any concerns or potential accommodations related to pregnancy. Students may contact the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance at (973) 353-1906 or via email at [TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu).

**For Short-term Absence Verification:** The Office of the Dean of Students can provide assistance for absences related to religious observance, emergency or unavoidable conflict (illness, personal or family emergency, etc.). Students should refer to [University Policy 10.2.7](#) for information about expectations and responsibilities. The Office of the Dean of Students can be contacted by calling (973) 353-5063 or emailing [deanofstudents@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@newark.rutgers.edu).

**For Individuals with temporary conditions/injuries:** The Office of the Dean of Students can assist students who are experiencing a temporary condition or injury (broken or sprained limbs, concussions, or recovery from surgery). Students experiencing a temporary condition or injury should submit a request using the following link: <https://temporaryconditions.rutgers.edu>.

**For Gender or Sex-Based Discrimination or Harassment:** The Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance can assist students who are experiencing any form of gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, sexual harassment, relationship violence, or stalking. Students can report an incident to the Office of Title IX and ADA Compliance by calling (973) 353-1906 or emailing [TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:TitleIX@newark.rutgers.edu). Incidents may also be reported by using the following link: [tinyurl.com/RUNReportingForm](https://tinyurl.com/RUNReportingForm). For more information, students should refer to the University's Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedures located at <https://uec.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/60-1-33-current-1.pdf>

**For support related to Interpersonal Violence:** The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) can provide any student with confidential support. The office does **not** have a reporting obligation to Title IX. Students can contact the office by calling (973) 353-1918 or emailing [run.vpva@rutgers.edu](mailto:run.vpva@rutgers.edu). There is also a confidential text-based helpline available to students; students can text (973) 339-0734 for support. Students do not need to be a victim/survivor of violence; any student can receive services, information and support.

**For Crisis and Concerns:** The Campus Awareness Response and Education (CARE) Team works with students in crisis to develop a plan of support plan and address personal situations that might impact their academic performance. Connect with the CARE Team by using the following link: [tinyurl.com/RUNCARE](https://tinyurl.com/RUNCARE) or emailing [careteam@rutgers.edu](mailto:careteam@rutgers.edu).

**For Stress, Worry, or Concerns about Well-being:** The Counseling Center has confidential therapists available to support students. Students should reach out to the Counseling Center to schedule an appointment: [counseling@newark.rutgers.edu](mailto:counseling@newark.rutgers.edu) or (973) 353-5805. If students are not quite ready to make an appointment with a therapist but are interested in self-help, check out *Sanvello* for an easy, web-based approach to self-care and support. Visit <https://my.rutgers.edu/>, click on Sanvello: Wellness @ RUN, and log in with your netid to begin your journey toward wellness.

For emergencies, call 911 or contact Rutgers University Police Department (RUPD) by calling (973) 353-5111.