CRIMINOLOGY
Justice Studies 345 - Fall Term 2015

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Class Meets:
Monday & Wednesday 3:00pm-4:15pm  in MLH #220

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Tuesday 1:45pm-2:45pm,
Wednesday 1:45pm-2:45pm
Thursday 1:45pm-2:45pm
and by appointment.

Website: Blackboard

Course Description:
Students study crime and society, theories of criminality, types and trends of crime, characteristics of criminals, social control, and criminological controversies. Pre-requisite: JS 103 or instructor's permission; see SOC 350. Cross-listed with SOC 345.

Goals:
We will discuss the research that supports or refutes the various theoretical explanations of crime (Curran & Renzetti, 2001: xi-xiii). We will also examine the practical implications of the theories. Furthermore, students will become practiced at viewing crime, law, and theories about crime and the law as criminologists. While some citizens may see criminological theories as simply explanations for why people do “bad” things, we will present the view that crime, law, and the theories that explain them are social products that reflect the social, political, and economic conditions of the period during which they were created.

Course Requirements:
Class Participation 25% Exam One 25%, Exam Two 25% Exam Three 25% 

Class Participation:
Attendance is expected and active participation is essential for the success of this class. Students who participate actively derive the most lasting benefits from the course. Attendance will be taken most days, and at the end of the semester, students with an attendance record of 90% or better will receive an extra one percent added to their course grade. Participation includes attending class meetings and contributing to class discussions. In order to ensure adequate student discussion, I reserve the right to call on students to discuss the topics of the day, so please be prepared to contribute.
Participation also includes short reports (approximately 2-3 typed pages) on selected issues in the readings (to be assigned in class). The reports are important because they will serve as preparation for discussions. The reports will be evaluated on the quality and thoughtfulness of your social scientific analysis of the assigned material. They will be graded as: excellent, surpassing expectations (A), good, competent work (B), satisfactory (C), not satisfactory (D), failing (F).

REPORTS WILL BE DUE IN CLASS. LATE REPORTS WILL BE PENALIZED A FULL LETTER GRADE (e.g. a late "B" will become a "C"). FIVE (5) REPORTS WILL BE ASSIGNED. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THREE (3). YOU MAY SUBMIT FIVE REPORTS IF YOU NEED EXTRA CREDIT. The extra credit will be applied towards your participation grade. An "A" extra credit report adds three percent to your participation grade, a "B" is worth two percent, and a "C" is worth one percent.

Also note that your reports must contain references for paraphrased and quoted material. Reference all paraphrasing and quotes. Use block quotes for quotes longer than 5 sentences. Include a reference page. You must use the modified APA-style referencing that is used in the journal Criminology. A recent study (Smoe, 1996) reveals knowledge is good. A more specific paraphrase: Joe Smoe (1996:2) found 90 percent of the people believe knowledge is good. A long quote should be indented on both margins and single-spaced:

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When in doubt, it is better to err on the side of over-referencing sources. If you plagiarize, you will receive an "F" for the assignment.

Exams:
Three exams (including the final exam) consisting of essay, multiple-choice, true/false, and fill-in-the-blanks questions will be administered in class. Study questions will be available prior to the exams to help you prepare.

Student Conduct:
"Cheating or plagiarism in any form is unacceptable. The College functions to promote the cognitive and psychosocial development of all students. Therefore, all work submitted by a student must represent his/her own ideas, concepts and current understanding" (Provost Fernandez, 2008). All students are expected to take the short tutorial on citing sources at:
http://www.lcsc.edu/library/ILI/Module_2A/Welcome.htm

Any student with questions remaining as to what constitutes cheating or plagiarism should consult the instructor in order to avoid any misunderstanding. If a student is caught cheating, at minimum, he/she will fail the assignment, the Judicial Affairs Officer will be notified and the incident recorded. Students must also keep copies of any written work turned in. Moreover, we will be dealing with controversial issues at times and it is essential that discussions remain constructive and respectful.

Please refrain from gaming, web surfing or using your cell phone during class.

Assignment Grading:
A ≥ 93%
A- ≥ 90%
B+ ≥ 87%
B ≥ 83%
B- ≥ 80%
C+ ≥ 77%
C ≥ 73%
C- ≥ 70%
D+ ≥ 67%
D ≥ 63%
D- ≥ 60%
F ≥ 53%

Readings: (Available at the LCSC Bookstore)
Authors: Beirne, Messerschmidt
Title: Criminology, 5th edition or 6th edition
Year: 2011 or 2015
Publisher: Oxford University Press

Note there are other criminology texts in the bookstore so make certain you have the right one.
On occasion, you will be required to access web-based readings listed in your text.

Topics and Assignments:
(Due to the nature of academic discussions, the items listed below will not always correspond to
the days’ discussions, and we may not be able to cover every topic)

Aug 24-26: Introduction to the Problem of Crime
Reading: Chapter “The Problem of Crime”

Aug 31-Sept 2: The Measurement of Crime
Reading: Chapter “The Measurement of Crime”

Sept 7: NO CLASS – Labor Day

Sept 9: Inequality, Crime and Victimization
Reading: Chapter “Inequality, Crime and Victimization”
Written Report 1 (Sept 9)

Sept 14-16: Property Crime
Reading: Chapter “Property Crime”

Sept 21-23: Interpersonal Violence and Serial Killers
Reading: Chapter “Interpersonal Violence”
Written Report 2 (Sept 23)
Exam Study Questions Distributed

Sept 28-30: Syndicated Crime

Sept 30: EXAM ONE

Oct 5-7: White Collar Crime
Reading: Chapter “White-Collar Crime”

Oct 12-14: Political Crime
Reading: Chapter “Political Crime”
Written Report 3 (Oct 14)
Oct 19-21: The Origins of Criminological Theory
Reading: Chapter “Inventing Criminology”

Oct 26-28: The Emergence of Sociological Criminology
Reading: Chapter “Social Structure, Anomie, and Crime”

Nov 2-4: Criminology in the United States
Reading: Chapter “Social Learning Theory and Social Control”
Written Report 4 (Nov 4)
Exam Study Questions Distributed

Nov 9-11: Delinquent Subcultures
Reading: Chapter “Delinquent Subcultures, Subcultures of Delinquency, and the Labeling Perspective”

Nov 11: EXAM TWO

Nov 16: Theoretical Diversity
Reading: Chapter “The Conflict Tradition”
(No class November 18 due to ASC conference)

Nov 23-27: Fall Break

Nov 30-Dec 2: New Directions in Criminology
Reading: Chapter “Feminist and Critical Criminologies”

Dec 7-9: Comparative Criminology
Reading: Chapter “Comparative Criminology”
Exam Three (Final Exam) Study Questions Distributed
Written Report 5 (Dec 9)

December 16: FINAL EXAM: 3:00pm-4:50pm
Make your travel plans accordingly. Having plane tickets for travel before the exam is not a valid excuse for missing the scheduled exam.

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Consumer Information
In 2008, the federal government required all post-secondary institutions offering federal financial aid programs to provide key data to both prospective and current students. To comply with this requirement, Lewis-Clark State College has developed a consumer information page, which may be accessed at http://www.lcsc.edu/consumer-information/

Disability Accommodations
Students requiring special accommodations or course adaptations due to a disability and/or a health-related issue should consult their course instructors and the LCSC Student Counseling Center immediately (RCH 111, 792-2211). Official documentation may be required in order to provide an accommodation and/or adaptation.

Student Rights and Responsibilities
Students have the responsibility for knowing their program requirements, course requirements, and other information associated with their enrollment at LCSC. Students should review the LCSC General Catalog
Accidents/Student Insurance
Students participating in LCSC classes normally must look to their personal health insurance policy (Student Health Insurance Plan or comparable private coverage) should an accident occur. In the event of an accident, please seek medical help, if necessary, and report the incident to LCSC Security (792-2226). Fieldtrips or other special student activities may also require students to submit a signed participation waiver (forms can be obtained from the supporting Division Office).

Enrollment Verification/Attendance
Students who are not actively pursuing their classes may have to repay part or all of their financial aid awards depending upon the circumstances.

Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty, which includes cheating and plagiarism, is not tolerated at LCSC. Individual faculty members may impose their own policies and sanctions regarding academic dishonesty after offering the student an opportunity to explain his or her actions. Sanctions imposed by the faculty member are limited to grades on the assignment(s) in question and/or on the course grade. On matters of academic dishonesty, faculty members do not have the authority to dismiss a student from class indefinitely nor to disenroll a student from a program without corroboration from a Division Chair (or program ethics committee where applicable), the appropriate instructional dean, and the Vice President for Student Affairs. Students who are accused of being academically dishonest may be referred to the VP for Student Affairs for official disciplinary action.

Illegal File Sharing
Students using LCSC’s computers and/or computer network must comply with the college’s appropriate use policies and are prohibited from illegally downloading or sharing data files of any kind. Specific information about the college’s technology policies and its protocols for combating illegal file sharing may be found on the VP for Student Affairs’ web page (http://www.lcsc.edu/student-affairs/student-code-of-conduct/).

Diversity Vision Statement
Regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, national origin, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation, you will be treated and respected as a human being.

Disclosures
During this course, if you elect to discuss information with me which you consider to be sensitive or personal in nature and not to be shared with others, please state this clearly. Your confidentiality in these circumstances will be respected unless upholding that confidentiality could reasonably put you, other students, other members of the campus community, or me in danger. In those cases or when I am bound by law to report what you have told me, such as incidents involving sexual assault or other violent acts, I will submit a report to appropriate campus authorities.

Student Feedback
Students shall be provided the opportunity to formally evaluate each course in which they are enrolled. Notification of student feedback opportunity and timelines will be made through the official LCSC student email (currently LCMail) or online course learning management (currently Blackboard Learn) systems.

Approved by VP for Student Affairs & Provost 5/12/2015