

JS/SOC 345 – Criminology
Lewis-Clark State College
Fall 2009

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TEXT: *Criminology: Theory, Research and Policy*. Vito, G., Maahs, J.R., and Holmes, R.M. (2007). Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2nd ed. Additional readings as assigned.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: To provide a broad understanding of criminal behavior in the United States and in Idaho by examining major crime types, justice research, the criminal justice system and criminological theories.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Weekly Assignments* (10 points each)	140
2. Newspaper/Journal Assignments** (20 points each)	100
3. 1 st Exam	100
4. 2 nd Exam	100
5. Weekly Attendance/Class Participation^	<u>140</u>
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	580

*Weekly Chapter Concepts: Each week students will be assigned one or more chapter concepts and/or questions to study and provide a report to the class in the following session. These weekly assignments must be typewritten, double spaced with 1" margins. They are to be used to assist you in class discussions and turned in to me at the end of class discussion days.

**Newspaper/Journal Article Assignment: Students must present to the class findings from 5 articles during the semester related to criminology. Three of the articles can be from the news media. At least two of the articles must be from scholarly journals found through the LCSC library (see instructions at the end of this syllabus). You are encouraged to choose articles that are of personal or professional interest to you and would provide the class with additional information related to the field of criminology. For each of the 5 articles, prepare a 2-3 page written summary that addresses the following concerns:

1. What type of crime or problem does the article discuss?
2. Does the article identify causes or contributing factors to the problem or issue?
3. Using the concepts you have learned in class, identify at least two criminological theories you think apply to the crime described in the article. Give reasons for your choices.
4. Identify and separate the facts from emotions/bias in the article.

^Non-preparation or non-participation will be considered non-attendance for grading purposes.

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ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Lectures will typically be on Thursdays.

Assignments will typically be due Tuesday following the Thursday lecture.

8/25	Introduction, Syllabus and Course Expectation Review
8/27 & 9/1	Chapter 1 – “Crime and Criminology”
9/3 & 9/8	Chapter 2 – “The Incidence of Crime”
9/10 & 9/15	Chapter 3 – “Neoclassical Criminology”
9/17 & 9/22	Chapter 4 – “Biology and Crime”
9/24 & 9/29	Chapter 5 – “Psychology and Crime”
10/1 & 10/6	Chapter 6 – “Social Structure and Crime”
10/8 & 10/13	Chapter 7 – “Social Process and Crime”
10/15 & 10/20	Chapter 8 – “Social Conflict and Crime” <u>EXAM 1 – Tuesday, 10/20</u>
10/22 & 10/27	Chapter 9 – “Crime and Criminal Careers”
10/29 & 11/3	Chapter 10 – “Crimes of Violence”
<u>(Advance registration begins next Monday, November 2nd.)</u>	
11/5 & 11/10	Chapter 11 – “Emerging Forms of Violence”
11/12 & 11/17	Chapter 12 – “Property Crimes”
11/19	Chapter 13 – “Public Order Crimes”
11/24 & 11/26	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/1 & 12/3	Chapter 14 – “Drugs and Crime”
12/8 & 12/10	Chapter 15 – “Organized and White Collar Crime” <u>EXAM 2 – Tuesday, 12/10</u>
12/14	Finals Week – no class meetings

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CODE OF CONDUCT

You are expected to participate in classroom discussions and conduct yourself in a professional manner. Private discussions with other students, passing notes, reading newspapers, disruptive eating, sleeping, and persistently arriving late or leaving early constitute inappropriate classroom behavior. If you demonstrate such behavior you will be verbally warned in class to cease. If you persist in disruptive or distracting behavior, formal action, in accordance with LCSC policy, will be taken.

From the LCSC Student Handbook, Code of Conduct regarding Academic Dishonesty:
<http://www.lcsc.edu/osl/SHB/SHBcodeofconduct.htm>

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. Academic Dishonesty includes:

- a) **Cheating**—intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise. The term "academic exercise" includes all forms of work submitted for credit hours.
- b) **Fabrication**—intentional and/or unauthorized falsification or invention of any information or the source of any information in an academic exercise.
- c) **Collusion facilitating academic dishonesty**—intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to commit an act of Academic Dishonesty.
- d) **Plagiarism**—the deliberate adoption or reproduction of ideas or words or statement of another person as one's own without acknowledgment.

Students with Disabilities

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504/508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, LCSC-CdA provides services and accommodations to students who experience barriers in the educational setting due to learning, emotional/psychiatric, physical, visual, or hearing disabilities. For more information please contact Lewis-Clark State College, 1000 W. Hubbard Street, Coeur d' Alene, ID 83814 (208) 666-6707.

Please also let your instructor know of any special needs you may have to achieve a successful learning environment.

Grading

Your grades are based on the common grading scale (90% = A; 80% = B; 70% = C, etc.). Use your returned, graded assignments to track your grade in the class.

Sample of Full Text Journals Available online at the LCSC Library

- *Corrections Today*
- *Crime and Delinquency*
- *Michigan Law Review*
- *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*

To find these journals:

1. Logon to the LCSC Library website
http://ezproxy.lcsc.edu:2048/login?url=http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/idaho_a_lcsc?db=AONE

Note: Password is generally your 6-digit birth date.

2. Click on "Subject Guide Search"
3. Type in a search term (e.g., "juvenile delinquency")
4. Click on your selection (i.e. "juvenile delinquency")
5. Click the "FULL TEXT" box to see only journals that provide full articles (not just abstracts).

LCSC Student E-Mail Account

According to college policy, your LC student e-mail account is the only e-mail we can use to communicate with you. We send you important information in e-mails that must be viewed in a timely manner. ***Please check your e-mail regularly!*** Another simple option is putting a forward on your LCMail to an account that you check more regularly. To do this:

1. Get logged into your LCMail account
2. Go into your inbox
3. Click on "settings"
4. Click on "Forwarding and POP/IMAP"
5. Click on "Forward A Copy of Incoming Mail to:"
6. Insert your other e-mail address into the blank field
7. Select "Keep LCSC Mails Copy in the Inbox" (if you choose)
8. Scroll to bottom and Save Changes

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