

## **Sociology 112**

### ***Introduction to Criminology***

*3 units; 3 hours lecture*

*Recommended Preparation: Sociology 101 AND eligibility for English 1A*

*Degree applicable Transfer CSU, UC*

This course introduces students to the scientific analysis of crime and criminality. Sociological concepts and theories are used to analyze the nature, extent, and cause of crime; theoretical explanations for criminal behavior will be discussed. The dynamics of law, social control, treatment processes, and victimology will be evaluated.

### **Course Objectives:**

1. Define the concept of criminology and explain its goals, purposes and objectives.
  - Other (specify)
  - Quizzes, term or other papers
2. Describe the principles, procedures and methodologies used by criminologists in the collection of crime data.
  - Written homework
3. Analyze various acts of criminality and describe their social, cultural, biological and psychological etiologies.
  - Other (specify)
  - Quizzes, term or other papers.
4. Define the sociological terms and concepts used within the field of criminology to identify crime and criminal behavior.
  - Objective Exams
5. Compare and contrast the sociological theories used to explain crime and criminal behavior.
  - Term or other papers
6. Compare and contrast rates of crime and variations of criminality from historical and cross-cultural perspectives.
  - Term or other papers.
7. Describe society's changing response to, and treatment of, victims.
  - Other (specify)
  - Quizzes, term or other papers
8. Identify the various theoretical perspectives and sociological paradigms used to examine, interpret and analyze crime and criminal behavior.
  - Objective Exams
9. Describe the importance of social norms and explain why they exist in all cultures as a way to maintain social control.
  - Written homework
10. Differentiate between the roles of the police, courts and corrections in enforcing, sanctioning and punishing criminal acts.
  - Quizzes
11. Analyze crime data to determine sociological patterns and trends.
  - Objective Exams
12. Identify crime typologies and describe the focus and consequences of these typologies.
  - Objective Exams

### **Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):**

1. Theoretical Perspectives

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of theoretical perspectives and apply sociological perspectives such as rational choice theory, social process theories, social structures theories, and developmental theories, to issues of crime and criminal behavior.

2. Sociological Concepts

Students will define and demonstrate an understanding of sociological concepts, such as crime, crime rates, crime typology, social control, and social harm, by applying them to issues of crime and criminal behavior.

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