

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Criminal Justice & Sociology

CRMJ/SOC 2400 – Criminology
3 Credit Hours

Spring 2019
T/R 1:20 PM - 2:35 PM

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Office Hours: Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:30pm; Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:30am; by appointment

Prerequisite:

SOC 1000 or equivalent

Required Text:

Siegel, L. (2019). *Criminology: The Core*. (7th Edition). Cengage.

Course Description:

This course generally introduces the nature of crime, statistics on crime, types of criminal behavior and theoretical explanations of crime.

Student Learning Outcomes:

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

- Define criminological theory
- Discuss the major criminological theories and their components
- Distinguish between major categories of theory
- Apply major criminological theories to different types of crimes

Major Topics

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| • Trait theories | • Crime types |
| • Social theories | • Rational choice theory |
| • Process theories | • Developmental theories |

Course Requirements:

Your grade for the course will be based on three examinations and one final paper. The total number of points in the course is 400.

Three Examinations:

Three examinations will be given in the course. The examinations will not be cumulative. The examinations will cover all the material in the readings, regardless of whether or not it was

discussed in class. They will also cover all the information covered in the lectures, regardless of whether or not it was discussed in the book. The examinations will consist of a combination of multiple choice, fill-in the blank, listing, short answer, and essay questions. Each exam will be worth 100 points. ***A blue Scantron is required for each exam. Students are responsible for bringing their own Scantron to the class.*** Total number of points: 300

Final Paper:

The purpose of this paper is to give students exposure to writing and critically thinking about criminological theory. The paper will be 5 pages in length (double-spaced) and will address a theory of the student's choice. Directions and details for the paper will be given in the first half of the semester. The paper is worth 100 points and is due to WyoCourses on the last day of the course.

Class Attendance

I do not take attendance in this course; however, class should be treated as you would a job (e.g., be on time, attend all classes). In addition, I will **not** be posting lecture notes, so it is imperative that you come to class to get the notes. If you miss class, it will be your responsibility to get the missed material from another classmate.

Course Policies

Missing an Examination:

Make-up examinations will not be given without a documented (e.g., doctor's note) and valid excuse (e.g., severe illness, family emergency, etc.). With emergencies, you must contact me via email ***within*** 24 hours of the missed examination; however, you still need to provide proper documentation. Failure to contact me within 24 hours ***and*** provide me with proper documentation will result in a zero for the missed examination. If, with the proper notification of 24 hours ***and*** documentation is given, a make-up examination is given, it may be an alternative version to the original examination (e.g., it can be in any format – all essay, all fill-in the blank, all short answer, a combination of formats, etc.). If a make-up examination is scheduled and you fail to complete the make-up examination at the scheduled time, you will receive a zero on the examination.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated in this class. Cases of academic dishonesty will be treated in accordance with UW Regulation 2-114. The penalties for academic dishonesty can include, at my discretion, a zero on an exam, a zero on the assignment, and/or an "F" in the entire course. Academic dishonesty means anything that represents someone else's ideas as your own without attribution. It includes (but is not limited to) unapproved assistance on examinations (e.g., cheating), plagiarism (e.g., use of another person's writings, blog posts, publications, and other materials without attributing that material to that person with citations), or fabrication of referenced information. Facilitation of another person's academic dishonesty is also considered academic dishonesty and will be treated identically. These guidelines can be found in the University Regulations. <http://www.uwyo.edu/AS/student-appeals/academic-dishonesty.html>.

General Courtesy Issues:

We may discuss topics that are very sensitive in nature during this class. I expect that all students will treat one another with respect at all times. Any disrespectful behavior and/or language will not be tolerated, and you will be dismissed from the class for that day.

Along with maintaining a professional and respectful manner, I expect that you come to class on time and prepared (e.g., having read the required material before class), remain for the entire class period, be engaged in the class, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may be distracting to others. Therefore, do not come late to class and/or leave early (unless you otherwise have made arrangements with me), sleep, text message, read outside materials, or wear headphones during the class period. Also, please turn your cell phones off or on silent. If you must take a call due to an emergency circumstance, please leave the classroom. If you engage in any of the above behaviors, you may be asked to leave the class.

Contacting Me:

The best way to contact me is through email: jsnyde29@uwyo.edu. I check my email at least once per day, so you should receive a response from me within 24 hours. In emails, you **MUST** refer to the course in the subject line. Use proper email etiquette (e.g., Dr. Snyder). It is very important to check your email on a regular basis as important class information (e.g., assignments, class cancellations, and changes in the syllabus) will be relayed via email.

Disability Services:

The University of Wyoming is committed to providing equitable access to learning opportunities for all students. If you have a disability, including but not limited to physical, learning, sensory or psychological disabilities, and would like to request accommodations in this course due to your disability please register with and provide documentation of your disability as soon as possible to Disability Support Services (DSS), Room 128 Knight Hall. You may also contact DSS at (307) 766-3073 or udss@uwyo.edu. It is in the student's best interest to request accommodations within the first week of classes, understanding that accommodations are not retroactive. Visit the DSS website for more information at: www.uwyo.edu/udss

WyoCourses:

As a resource for this class, a WyoCourse site is available to you. This site provides the opportunity to have all of the course materials in one place that is accessible to everyone. Assignments and announcements will be posted to this site. As part of the requirements for this class, you are expected to check and use this site regularly. **Make sure to check your UW email as this is the address that will be utilized for any posted announcements.**

Title IX:

UW faculty are committed to supporting students and upholding the University's non-discrimination policy. Under Title IX, discrimination based upon sex and gender is prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex- or gender-based discrimination, we encourage you to report it. While you may talk to a faculty member, understand that as a "Responsible Employee" of the University, the faculty member **MUST** report information you share about the incident to the university's Title IX Coordinator (you may choose whether you or anyone involved is identified by name). If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you privacy or

confidentiality, there are people who can meet with you. Faculty can help direct you or you may find info about UW policy and resources at <http://www.uwyo.edu/reportit> Assistance and resources are available, and you are not required to make a formal complaint or participate in an investigation to access them.

Diversity

The University of Wyoming values an educational environment that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. The diversity that students and faculty bring to class, including age, country of origin, culture, disability, economic class, ethnicity, gender identity, immigration status, linguistic, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, worldview, and other social and cultural diversity is valued, respected, and considered a resource for learning.

Final Grade Distribution and Scale:

Exam one:	100 points
Exam two:	100 points
Exam three:	100 points
Final paper:	100 points
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Total:	400 points

Final Grading Scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A	90 – 100
B+	87 – 89
B	80 – 86
C+	77 – 79
C	70 – 76
D+	67 – 69
D	60 – 66
F	59 and below

Campus Resources

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES: udss@uwyo.edu, 766-3073, 128 Knight Hall, www.uwyo.edu/udss

COUNSELING CENTER: uccstaff@uwyo.edu, 766-2187, 766-8989 (After hours), 341 Knight Hall, www.uwyo.edu/ucc

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: 766-4286, 312 Old Main, www.uwyo.edu/acadaffairs

DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE: dos@uwyo.edu, 766-3296, 128 Knight Hall, www.uwyo.edu/dos

UW POLICE DEPARTMENT: uwpd@uwyo.edu, 766-5179, 1426 E Flint St, www.uwyo.edu/uwpd

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT WEBSITE: www.uwyo.edu/dos/conduct

Course Outline

Week 1:

Tues Jan 29

Course Overview/Introduction and Syllabus

	Thurs Jan 31	Chapter 1 – Crime and Criminology
Week 2:	Tues Feb 5	Chapter 1 – Crime and Criminology
	Thurs Feb 7	Chapter 2 – The nature and extent of crime
Week 3:	Tues Feb 12	Chapter 2 – The Nature and extent of crime
	Thurs Feb 14	Chapter 3 – Victims and victimization
Week 4:	Tues Feb 19	Chapter 3 – Victims and victimization
	Thurs Feb 21	Chapter 4 – Rational choice theory
Week 5:	Tues Feb 26	Chapter 4 – Rational choice theory
	Thurs Feb 28	<i>Exam 1</i>
Week 6:	Tues Mar 5	Chapter 12 – Economic crimes
	Thurs Mar 7	Chapter 12 – Economic crimes
Week 7:	Tues Mar 12	Chapter 5 – Trait theories
	Thurs Mar 14	Chapter 5 – Trait theories
Week 8:	Tues Mar 19	<i>Spring Break</i>
	Thurs Mar 21	<i>Spring Break</i>
Week 9:	Tues Mar 26	<i>Documentary</i>
	Thurs Mar 28	<i>Documentary</i>
Week 10:	Tues April 2	Chapter 10 – Violent crime
	Thurs April 4	Chapter 10 – Violent crime
Week 11:	Tues April 9	Chapter 6 – Social structure theory
	Thurs April 11	Chapter 6 – Social structure theory
Week 12:	Tues April 16	<i>Exam 2</i>

	Thurs	April 18	Chapter 7 – Social process theory
Week 13:	Tues	April 23	Chapter 7 – Social process theory
	Thurs	April 25	Chapter 9 – Developmental theories
Week 14:	Tues	April 30	Chapter 9 – Developmental theories
	Thurs	May 2	Chapter 14 – Crimes of the new millennium
Week 15:	Tues	May 7	Chapter 14 – Crimes of the new millennium
	Thurs	May 9	Chapter 13 – Public order crimes
			<i>Final Paper Due: 12:00pm (noon) WyoCourses</i>

Final Exam: Tuesday May 14th – 1:15pm-3:15pm

Class Cancellations:

If it is necessary to cancel class, I will make every effort to contact you before you come to campus or class through sending an email. However, if that is not possible, students should wait at least 15 minutes before assuming class is cancelled. If an examination was scheduled the day of the cancellation, it will be held at the next class period.

Changes to the Course:

The information in this syllabus (including grading, attendance, late policies, exams, and assignments) and class schedule are and may be subject to change. This information should be seen as tentative. However, you will be notified in class and via WyoCourses/email of any changes that may occur during the semester.