

SOCIOLOGY 3 - SPRING 2013 CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

Section 0456

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Required Textbook: John E. Conklin – Criminology, 11th Edition, Pearson Education. Available ONLY at the Mission College bookstore at www.lamission.edu/bookstore (the bookstore can ship the book if needed)

Catalog Course Description:

Prerequisite: None | Lecture 3 hours

Catalog Description:

Examines the nature and extent of crime and delinquency, theories of causation, types of juvenile and adult offenses, and efforts by society to cope with law violations: includes programs for prevention, correction, and rehabilitation.

Student Learning Outcomes(SLO):

Upon successful completion of Sociology 3, the student will be able to:

- 1) Identify the basic sociological explanations for criminal behavior and apply them to a variety of fact patterns.
- 2) Identify and describe effective strategies for preventing and controlling crime.
- 3) Summarize the types, patterns and costs of crimes.

Assignments:

Weekly Web Assignments: Work can be done EARLY but never late!! Plan your semester!!

[Assign. #1: Due Thurs. 2/14 by 9pm- POST Autobiography \(15 pts\)](#)

[Assign. #2: Due Thurs. 2/21 by 9pm – POST Juvenile Delinquency "Assignments" \(15 pts\)](#)

Assign. #3: Due Sun. 2/24 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 1 Exam - "Chapter 1" click on "chapter exam" (20 pts)

Assign. #4: Due Thurs. 2/28 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 2 Exam in " Chapter 2"click on "chapter exam"(20 pts)

[Assign. #5: Due Sun. 3/3 by 9pm – POST Hate Crimes "Assignments" \(15 pts\)](#)

Assign. #6: Due Thurs. 3/7 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 3 Exam in " Chapter 3"click on "chapter exam"(20 pts)

[Assign. #7: Due Sun. 3/10 by 9pm – COMPLETE Thinking about Crime Paper "assignments" in DROP BOX \(25 pts\)](#)

Assign. #8: Due Thurs. 3/14 by 9pm – Complete Chap. 4 Exam in "Chapter 4" click on "chapter exam" (20 pts)

[Assign. #9: Due Thurs. 3/21 by 9pm – POST Social Costs of Crime "assignments" \(15 points\)](#)

Assign #10: Due Thurs. 3/28 by 9pm- Complete Chapter 5 Exam in "Chapter 5" click on "chapter exam" (20 pts)

Assign. #11:-Due Thurs. 4/11 by 9pm – Complete Chapter 6 Exam in "Chapter 6" click on "chapter exam" (20 pts)

Assign. #12: Due Sun. 4/14 by 9pm – Complete Ch. 7 Exam in "Chapter 7" click on "chapter exam" (20 pts)

Assign. #13: Due Thurs 4/18 by 9pm – COMPLETE What is Crime Paper “assignments” in DROP BOX (25 pts)
Assign #14: Due Thurs. 4/25 by 9 pm- Complete Chap 8 Exam in “Chapter 8” click on “chapter exam” (20 pts)
Assign. #15: Due Sun. 4/28 by 9pm- Complete Chap. 9 Exam in “Ch. 9” click on “chapter exam” (20 pts)
Assign. #16: Due Thurs. 5/2 by 9pm – POST Television and the Need for Stuff “Assignments” (15 points)
Assign. #17: Due Sun. 5/5 by 9pm- Complete Chapter 12 Exam in “Chap. 12” then “chapter exam” (20 pts)
Assign. #18: Due Thurs. 5/9 by 9pm- COMPLETE Crime and Theory Paper “Assignments” in DROP BOX (40 pts)
Assign. #19: Due Thurs. 5/16 by 9pm Complete Chapter 13 Exam in “Chapter 13” then “chapter exam” (20 pts)
Assign. #20: Due Sun. 5/19 by 9pm- COMPLETE CJS and Reform “Assignments” in DROP BOX (15 points)
Assign. #21: Due Thurs. 5/23 by 9pm- Complete Chapter 14 Exam in “Chapter 14” then “chapter exam” (20 pts)
Assign. #22: Due Thurs. 5/30 by 9 pm- Complete Chapter exam 15 in “chapter 15” then “chapter exam” (20 pts)

Chapter Exams: (20 points each)

All the chapter exams are multiple-choice and have a time restriction. You must abide by that time restriction or points may be deducted. You will not have time to use notes or your book during your exam. The exams are located in “chapter exams” and will disappear once the deadline is passed. Please use a reliable internet connection for your quiz so your computer DOESN'T CRASH on you. DO NOT USE A WIRELESS CONNECTION ON EXAMS.

Discussion Threads require you to write more than just a few lines, a minimum of 2 paragraphs is required. Please remember that everyone can read your comments, so do not post anything private. Think of it as an open classroom discussion with rules of conduct to follow such as being respectful, no bad words, college essay writing. These are not TEXTS therefore full words need to be written, as well as use proper grammar.

Late Assignments:

All work is due on the day stated **before 9:00 pm**. I do not accept late assignments.

Grading Standards:

Autobiography – 15 points
Juvenile Delinquency Discussion – 15 points
Hate Crimes Discussion – 15 points
Thinking About Crime Paper – 25 points
Social Costs of Crime Discussion – 15 points
What is Crime Paper – 25 points
TV and the Need for Stuff Discussion – 15 points
Crime and Theory Paper – 40 points
Criminal Justice System (CJS) and Reform Paper – 15 points
Chapter Exams (13 exams, 20 points each) – 260 points

=440 points total

Grade Distribution

A= 90% and above
B= 80% and above
C= 70% and above
D= 60% and above
F = 59% and below

Helpful Hints:

This class requires that you have consistent access to a computer and a strong reliable internet connection. It also requires you to have some basic knowledge about using email, word document and internet browsing.

Many of your "assignments" are submitted by you attaching them to the DROP BOX located on the Top Right hand tool bar. You will be able to see that your file is attached. Please use Microsoft WORD documents ONLY.

STAY AHEAD - if you know you will have some time open, then complete a few of the assignments and submit them. This way, if you get busy with work, families, etc., you have some flexibility and can meet the deadlines. You can always do assignments early, but you can never do them late.

Don't wait until 8:55pm to start your assignments or exams. Procrastination is not a favorable quality in online learning.

Please email me through "EMAIL" icon and sign your name each time and put SOC 3 as the subject.

Any communication to the class will be sent directly to your personal email account. If you need to change email accounts, please notify me immediately.

Your grades will be posted under "GRADEBOOK". PRINT the "syllabus" to stay organized. Assignments are due every Sunday night before 9pm (California time). So plan your time wisely.

Reasonable Accommodation:

If you are a student with a disability and require classroom accommodations, please email me to discuss arrangements. The sooner I am aware that you are eligible for accommodations, the quicker I will be able to provide them. For students requiring accommodations, the DSP&S Office at Mission College provides special assistance in areas like: registering for courses, specialized tutoring, note-taking, mobility assistance, special instruction, testing assistance, special equipment, special materials, instructor liaisons, community referrals and job placement. If you have not done so already, you may also wish to contact the DSP&S Office in Instruction Building 1018 (phone #818.364. 7732/TTD 818.364.7861) and bring or scan a letter stating the accommodations that are needed.

Cheating:

Unauthorized material used during an examination (including electronic devices), changing answers after work has been graded, taking an exam for another student, forging or altering attendance sheets or other documents in the course, looking at another student's paper/scantron/essay/computer or exam with or without their approval is considered cheating. Any student caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/exam and referred to the Department chair and/or Student Services for further disciplinary action.

Plagiarism:

Plagiarism is defined as the act of using ideas, words, or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own, without giving proper credit to the original sources. This includes definitions found online on Wikipedia, materials from blogs, twitter, or other similar electronic resources. The following examples are intended to be representative, but not all inclusive:

- failing to give credit by proper citations for others ideas and concepts, data and information, statements and phrases, and/or interpretations and conclusions.
- failing to use quotation marks when quoting directly from another, whether it be a paragraph, a sentence, or a part thereof
- paraphrasing the expressions or thought by others without appropriate quotation marks or attribution
- representing another's artistic/scholarly works such as essays, computer programs, photographs, paintings, drawings, sculptures or similar works as one's own.

First offense, you will receive a zero for the assignment in question. Any further offenses may result in expulsion from the class, as determined by the disciplinary action from the Office of Student Services.

Recording devices in the classroom: Section 78907 of the California Education Code prohibits the use of any electronic audio or video recording devices, without prior consent of the instructor. (including cell phones, laptops, MP3 players, and more).

Notes:

This class holds the same academic standards as in-person classes. Therefore, respect, honesty, cheating, and plagiarism guidelines are strictly enforced. If any of these are violated, the student may receive a "fail", and/or be excluded from the class/campus. Please see your campus catalog for more information. This syllabus is a guide to use throughout this course and is subject to change at the instructor's discretion. Please do not hesitate to ask for assistance; it is my goal that you succeed in this class.

Don't forget to email me anytime you have questions, it is my goal that you succeed in this class. Enjoy the semester and the field of Sociology!!!

The instructor reserves the right to make changes and adjustments to the syllabus throughout the course, as needed.

Instructions to login to our class website for MYLABSPLUS/ECOLLEGE:

Step 1:

Purchase book from LA Mission Bookstore, comes with MYLABSPLUS access code

Step 2:

Go to www.lamc.mylabsplus.com (also known as ECOLLEGE Login page)

1. Your log in name is your school id 88----- (no spaces or dashes)
2. Then your password is "PASSWORD" all CAPITALS
3. Then you will see our class "Prof. Biondo, SOC 3, Crime." You will then be asked to enter your enter PIN code which comes with your textbook.
4. Click on "access course." You will only need to do this once.
5. For security reasons its best if you CHANGE the password as soon as possible by clicking on "my account."
6. After in-putting you PIN code, you will only need your 88# and your password to login.

If you have any questions, please email me at biondojk@lamission.edu.

For IT assistance, please email helpdesk@lamc.mylabsplus.com or call (888) 883-1299.

Keep up with your grades on class website under "GRADEBOOK"