

Syllabus

CRJ-246: Criminology

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Course Description

CRJ-246 is a study of crime and delinquency. Theories of causation, methods of correction, and prevention of crime are discussed. Different categories of crime and their element are also included.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisite Courses: None

Prerequisite Skills and Knowledge: None

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Identify the basics concepts of criminology.
2. Explain the general characteristics of crime and criminals.
3. Compare and contrast the major theories pertaining to criminology.
4. Compare and contrast major criminological theories with Christian Criminology.
5. Integrate Biblical principles related to Criminal Justice, in general, or criminology in particular.

Course Textbook

Schmallegger, F. (2019). *Criminology today: An integrative introduction* (9th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson.

Course Technology

Microsoft Word

Grading Scale

Grade	Quality Points Per Credit	Percentage	Score
A	4.0	95%–100%	950–1000
A-	3.7	92%–94.9%	920–949
B+	3.3	89%–91.9%	890–919
B	3.0	85%–8.9%	850–889
B-	2.7	82%–84.9%	820–849
C+	2.3	79%–81.9%	790–819
C	2.0	75%–78.9%	750–789
C-	1.7	72%–74.9%	720–749
D+	1.3	69%–71.9%	690–719
D	1.0	65%–68.9%	650–689

F	0.0	0%-64.9%	0-649

Grading Policies

Your grading policy for your course is dependent on your school and program. Your grading policies can be found in the IWU Catalog.

Letter Grade Equivalencies

Grade	Description of Work
A	Clearly stands out as excellent performance. Has unusually sharp insights into material and initiates thoughtful questions. Sees many sides of an issue. Articulates well and writes logically and clearly. Integrates ideas previously learned from this and other disciplines. Anticipates next steps in progression of ideas. Example "A" work should be of such nature that it could be put on reserve for all cohort members to review and emulate. The "A" cohort member is, in fact, an example for others to follow.
B	Demonstrates a solid comprehension of the subject matter and always accomplishes all course requirements. Serves as an active participant and listener. Communicates orally and in writing at an acceptable level for the degree program. Work shows intuition and creativity. Example "B" work indicates good quality of performance and is given in recognition for solid work; a "B" should be considered a good grade and awarded to those who submit assignments of quality less than the exemplary work described above.
C	Quality and quantity of work in and out of class are average. Has marginal comprehension, communication skills, or initiative. Requirements of the assignments are addressed at least minimally.
D	Quality and quantity of work are below average. Has minimal comprehension, communication skills, or initiative. Requirements of the assignments are addressed at below-acceptable levels.
F	Quality and quantity of work are unacceptable and do not qualify the student to progress to a more advanced level of work.

Course Workshop Summary

Workshop	Devotion*	Discussion*	Assignment*	Total Points per Workshop
Workshop One	1/5	2/100	2/90	195
Workshop Two	1/5	2/100	2/95	200
Workshop Three	1/5	2/100	2/90	195
Workshop Four	1/5	2/100	2/100	205
Workshop Five	1/5	2/100	2/100	205
End-of-Course Survey				10 Extra Credit
TOTAL	5/25	10/500	10/475	1000

* Number of Activities/Sum Point Totals

Workshop One Outline

Title	Due Dates	Estimated Time	Points
1.1 Discussion: Biblical Wisdom	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; one response due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	5

1.2 Discussion: The Picture of Crime	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
1.3 Assignment: Research Methods	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	45
1.4 Assignment: Crime in the United States	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	45
1.5 Discussion: Patterns of Crime	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
Totals		12 hours*	195

* These times are only estimates. Actual assignment completion times will vary.

Workshop Two Outline

Title	Due Dates	Estimated Time	Points
2.1 Discussion: Biblical Wisdom	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; one response due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	5
2.2 Assignment: Classical and Neoclassical Thought	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	50
2.3 Discussion: Theories of Criminology	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
2.4 Assignment: Theoretical Perspectives	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	45
2.5 Discussion: Biological Theories of Criminal Behavior	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
Totals		12 hours*	200

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Workshop Three Outline

Title	Due Dates	Estimated Time	Points
3.1 Discussion: Biblical Wisdom	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; one response due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	5
3.2 Discussion: Psychological Theories of Criminal Behavior	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
3.3 Assignment: Psychological Theories	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	45
3.4 Discussion: Theories of Social Structure and Process	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
3.5 Assignment: Socio-Economic Influences on Crime	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	45

	Totals	12 hours*	195

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Workshop Four Outline

Title	Due Dates	Estimated Time	Points
4.1 Discussion: Biblical Wisdom	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; one response due by the end of the workshop.	2 hour	5
4.2 Discussion: The Case of Matias Reyes	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
4.3 Assignment: Crimes Against Persons	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	50
4.4 Discussion: Crimes Against Property	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
4.5 Assignment: Geographical Trends in Property Crime	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	50
	Totals	12 hours*	205

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Workshop Five Outline

Title	Due Dates	Estimated Time	Points
5.1 Discussion: Biblical Wisdom	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; one response due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	5
5.2 Discussion: Drug Abuse and Crime	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
5.3 Assignment: Drug Control Strategies	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	50
5.4 Discussion: White-Collar Crime	Initial post due by the end of the fourth day of the workshop; two responses due by the end of the workshop.	2 hours	50
5.5 Assignment: History of Organized Crime	Due by the end of the workshop.	3 hours	50
Survey/Quiz: End-of-Course Survey	Due by the end of the workshop.	30 minutes	10 Extra Credit
	Totals	12:30 hours*	205

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Course Assignments

TOTALS	60:30 hours*	1000
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Alternative Assignment Policy

Students with a documented disability may request accommodations for an alternative assignment(s) for course activities (Examples: video assignments, etc.). It is the student's responsibility to submit the form received from the Disability Services Office indicating his/her specific accommodation to the instructor prior to the start of each course.

Expectations, Policies, and Important Student Information

School/Division	Link
DeVoe School of Business Division of Liberal Arts School of Services and Leadership	View School/Division Expectations, Policies, and Student Information
School of Educational Leadership	View School/Division Expectations, Policies, and Student Information
Wesley Seminary @ IWU	View School/Division Expectations, Policies, and Student Information
Nursing - Undergraduate	View School/Division Expectations, Policies, and Student Information
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