



PSYCHOLOGY OF CRIME AND DEVIANT BEHAVIOUR

COURSE OUTLINE

CRIMINOLOGY 102--WINTER 2017 [DAY]

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Total Course Hours/Credits:	45 hours - 3 credits
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COURSE PREREQUISITES: A "D" grade or better in Criminology 101 or Psychology 101

COURSE TEXT: Bartol, C. R. & Bartol, A. M. (2017). Criminal behavior: A psychosocial approach (11th. ed.). New Jersey: Pearson.

-other assigned readings

It is expected that assigned readings will be read prior to the material being covered in lectures. Your familiarity with the material should quicken the pace of the lectures.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course is designed to provide students with a detailed overview of various theoretical approaches to the study of crime and deviant behaviour. The course utilizes a psychological perspective throughout analyzing criminal and deviant behaviour in terms of psychological theories, concepts and constructs. Parts of the course will be spent examining biological or genetic causes of criminal and deviant behaviour while other portions will study how such behaviours may be learned through the socialization process.

The student will have an opportunity to grasp theoretical constructs associated with both the biological and learning approaches and will be able to view the types of research performed to support these approaches. It is hoped that the student will comprehend the complexities involved in explaining, understanding, predicting and controlling criminal and deviant behaviour.

COURSE FORMAT

The course primarily follows the lecture format although there may also be media presentations which are designed to augment course material. It is an important part of the learning process that students engage in discussion of topics presented and question the instructor on points which seem unclear or contentious. Please feel free to do both.

EVALUATION

A). Examinations

Two midterm tests will be administered during the semester. The tests will be worth 33% of your final grade each. A final exam worth 34% of your final grade will also be administered during the exam week at the end of the semester. None of the tests or exams will be cumulative. In summary then:

Midterm I	=	33%
Midterm II	=	33%
Final Exam	=	34%
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Midterm exams will be comprised of multiple choice questions. A significant number of test questions will be taken from the lecture material making it difficult to obtain a high grade if lectures are not attended. The lectures will also be used, in part, to explain difficult course concepts, some of which will be covered in the text and readings.

DO NOT miss any midterms or exams without a valid reason. Contact me **prior** to a test or exam to explain why you plan to miss a test. Missing an evaluation without a valid reason will result in a grade of zero. Normally, only medical or compassionate reasons are acceptable and supporting medical or other documentation may be requested.

There are **no** early writing provisions for midterms or exams. There are **no** rewrites of midterms or exams nor any supplemental tests or assignments. Students may be asked to take a supplementary examination to verify grades obtained on a midterm or exam.

B). Classroom Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a mature and scholarly manner in class. In consideration of all those enrolled in the course, behaviour which disrupts instructional activities will not be tolerated. Certainly there is a time for discussion, laughter and a quick discrete word to a colleague about course material. However, there is also a time for work and continual inappropriate disruptions will not be tolerated. Inappropriate chatter and such disrupt my ability to lecture and the ability of other students to learn the material.

Students are expected to conduct themselves with academic integrity and in accordance with CNC's established standards of conduct. Penalties for misconduct, including plagiarism, cheating and personal misconduct are outlined in the *Standards of Conduct: Student Responsibility and Accountability* document found in the policies section of CNC's website. All students should familiarize themselves with this document. http://cnc.bc.ca/Visiting/CNC_Policies.htm

TIMETABLE

Tentative dates for chapters, lecture topics and midterms/exams follow. I will try to keep as close as possible to these dates; however, several factors may necessitate changes in the schedule. You are responsible for noting such changes in the schedule and any material missed due to not attending lectures.

<u>WEEK OF:</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>CHAPTER(S)</u>
January 2	Introduction to Course	1
January 9	Biopsychological Approach	3
January 16	Biopsychological Approach (continued)	
January 23	Psychoanalytical Approach and Psychopathology	(p. 118)
January 30	Psychopathic Personality	7
February 6	<u>MIDTERM I</u>	
February 13	Mass and Serial Murderers	9, 10
February 20	Study Break (no classes)	
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February 27	Mass and Serial Murderers (continued)	
March 6	Biopsychological Approach to Human Aggression and Violence	5 (pp. 113-122)
March 13	Biopsychological Approach to Human Aggression and Violence (continued)/ Learning Approaches to Crime, Violence and Aggression	4, 11 (can omit pp. 343-346), 5 (pp. 122-139)
March 20	Learning Approaches to Crime, Violence and Aggression (continued)	
March 27	<u>MIDTERM II</u>	
April 3	Moral Development/ Developmental Risk Factors The Mentally Disordered Offender Violence Against Women/Sexual Offenses	2, (reread pp. 343-346) 8 12, 13, (Club Drugs: pp. 492-498)

(last day of classes this semester: April 10)

April 11-21 Final Exam Period

GRADING STANDARDS

The following chart is based on the College's grading standards.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	GPA
A+	90 -100.0	4.33
A	85 - 89.9	4.00
A-	80 - 84.9	3.67
B+	76 - 79.9	3.33
B	72 - 75.9	3.00
B-	68 - 71.9	2.67
C+	64 - 67.9	2.33
C	60 - 63.9	2.00
C-	55 - 59.9	1.67
D	50 - 54.9	1.00
F	0 - 49.9	0.00

Students should note that the numerical ranges of the grade categories are not large and that grades will not automatically be rounded up. It is up to the student to ensure that he or she puts in the required effort to secure the desired grade.

ANCILLARY INFORMATION

1. **Transfer Status of Course:** Students are urged to read the B.C. Transfer Guide to verify transferability of credits. The transfer guide is also available on-line at <http://www.bctransferguide.ca/>. Check with a CNC counsellor if in doubt.
2. Midterms will be returned to you in class and reviewed. They will then be collected, once again, and kept on file for a period of one semester. Final exams will not be returned collectively for review and, again, will be kept on file for the period of one semester after the course has ended.

You are welcome to review your midterms or final exam with the instructor at some mutually agreed upon time if you wish. Students *may not* record any specific test questions through any means, but can note general area of weakness to assist in their study. You are urged to access your exams before the “keep files” are purged. All returnable class material will, also, only be kept for a period of one semester.

3. Final Grades through CNCCConnect:

CNC offers students a chance to access their final grades through the CNC website. The service is called CNCCConnect and can be accessed through the CNC homepage. Consult the FAQ (frequently asked questions) option under CNCCConnect if you have problems.

Once I have determined your final grade, I will post it on the website. The system is updated each morning. If no grade appears for a course, it probably has not yet been submitted by me. Try again the following day.

This system is currently situated in Victoria and can change at any time.

4. No calculators or other electronic devices may be used during tests or exams unless permission has been granted by the instructor.
5. The College lists its policy for withdrawing from courses in the calendar. Students are encouraged to read it. Failure to officially withdraw from a course through Admissions **may** result in an "F" or "N" grade for the course. These grades carry a GPA of 0.00. If you wish to withdraw from this course at any time during this semester, please contact admissions or the counseling department directly.

6. Students who require academic accommodations as a result of a disability should advise both the instructor and disability support services. Students requiring support should familiarize themselves with the College Access: Students with Disabilities policy. http://cnc.bc.ca/Visiting/CNC_Policies.htm