

Sociology of Deviance [SOC 303 Section 01]
Tuesdays and Thursdays 8-9:15a.m. Parkinson Lab Room 108

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Required Text: Clinard, M. and R. Meier. 2008. *Sociology of Deviant Behavior*. 13th Ed.; Assigned readings available through BlackBoard.

Must log-on to BlackBoard to retrieve assigned readings. In Course Content, "Supplemental Readings" folder.

Course Objectives: To provide the student with an extensive overview of social deviance and theories of social deviance. To provide the student with a general knowledge of the major forms of deviance in American Society. To help students utilize social scientific analysis to critically examine deviant behavior.

Classroom Environment: The class is formatted as lecture and discussion. The material in this course will be controversial and discussion may become intense due to mature subject matter. Students are expected to respect classmate and instructor opinions.

Course Requirements: There are five requirements for a total of 400 points.

Exam 1: 100 points

Deviance Observation Paper: 100 points

Deviance Observation Paper Presentation: 25 points

Final Exam: 150 points

Semester Attendance: 25 points

Grading: A=360 points +; B=320 points +; C=280 points +; D=240 points +; out of 400 possible points.

*All grades will be posted on BlackBoard.

Policies/Procedures

Attendance: Attendance will be taken daily. Each student will receive 4 free absences, after that each absence will reduce the student's total grade by 5 points. Students are asked neither to arrive late to lecture, nor to leave early without prior discussion with the instructor.

Late Papers/Make-ups: Late papers will NOT be accepted. There are NO makeup exams.

BlackBoard: Log on to BlackBoard via Morris Library Homepage using your Network ID and password to view class information. Changes to class will be posted via BlackBoard and university email address. Assignments are due via BlackBoard.

Exams: The exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions. Exam 1(100 points) is September 17th and the Final Exam (150 points) is due December 15th.

Emergency Procedures: Emergency Procedures. Southern Illinois University Carbondale is committed to providing a safe and health environment for study and work. Because some health and safety circumstances are beyond our control, we ask that you become familiar with the SIUC Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency response information is available on posters in buildings on campus, available on BERT's website at www.bert.siu.edu, Department of Safety's website www.dps.siu.edu (disaster drop down), and in Emergency Response Guideline pamphlet. Know how to respond to each type of emergency.

Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering emergency. The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.

*This syllabus is subject to change.

August 25: Introduction to the Sociology of Deviance; discuss syllabus and class expectations

August 27: Chapter 1 The Nature and Meaning of Deviance

September 1: Chapter 2 Deviant Events and Social Control

September 3: Film

September 8: Chapter 3 Becoming a Deviant

“Men Who Cheer” by Michelle Bemiller

September 10: Chapter 4 Structural Perspectives on Deviance: Anomie and Conflict

Theory

September 15: Chapter 5 Labeling, Control, and Learning Theories of Deviance

"The Saints and the Roughnecks," by William J. Chambliss

Exam 1 Review: Chapters 1-5

September 17: **Exam 1:** Chapters 1-5

September 22: Chapter 6 Crimes of Interpersonal Violence (p. 106-Elder Abuse 129)

“Female Violence Against Intimate Partners: An Introduction” by Irene Hanson

Frieze

September 24: Chapter 6 Crimes of Interpersonal Violence (p. 129 -end)

“Sexual Assault on Campus” by Elizabeth Armstrong, Laura Hamilton, and Brian

Sweeney

September 29: Chapter 7 Nonviolent Crime

October 1: Chapter 8 White Collar and Corporate Crime

“White-collar prisoners’ perceptions of audience reaction” by Mandeep Dhami

October 6: Chapter 9 Drug Use and Addiction (p. 204-233)

“Recreational Ecstasy Users” by Michelle Gourley
October 8: Chapter 9 Drug Use and Addiction (p. 233-end) ****Ask questions about Deviance Observation Paper****

October 13: Film

October 15: **No Class**, Work on Deviance Observation Paper

October 20: **Deviance Observation Paper DUE**; Presentations

October 22: Chapter 10 Drunkenness and Alcoholism (p. 254-272)

October 27: Chapter 10 Drunkenness and Alcoholism (p. 272-end)

October 29: Chapter 11 Heterosexual Deviance (p. 296-325)

November 3: Chapter 11 Heterosexual Deviance (p. 325 Pornography-end)

November 5: Chapter 12 Suicide-Guest Lecturer

November 10: Chapter 13 Physical Disabilities

“Stigma Management Strategies among Women with Physical Disabilities:
Contrasting Approaches of Downplaying or Claiming a Disability Status” by Diane
Taub, Penelope McLorg, and Patricia Fanflik

November 12: ****Flex day**** to be used for overlap, run over etc.

November 17: Chapter 14 Gays, Lesbians, and Homophobia (p. 404-433)

“Homophobia and Women’s Sport” by Elaine Blinde and Diane Taub

November 19: Chapter 14 Gays, Lesbians, and Homophobia (p. 433-454)

November 24: **No Class** ****THANKSGIVING VACATION****

November 26: **No Class** ****THANKSGIVING VACATION****

December 1: Chapter 15 Mental Disorders

“On Being Sane in Insane Places” by Rosenhan

December 3: Film (Part 1)

December 8: Film (Part 2)

December 10: Final Exam Review: Chapters 10-15 and film;

****Hand out Take Home Final****

December 15:****Take Home Final Exam Due by 9:50am to me via E-mail (Chapters 10-15 and films). Email a copy to yourself.****