



Eastern Wyoming College Criminal Justice Department

Fall Semester 2013

Course Information

Course Title: **Criminology**

Course Number: **CRMJ/SOC 2400-Sections 40 & 90**

Credit Hours: **3.0**

Prerequisites: **SOC 1000 with a grade of “C” or better.**

Meeting Days,
Times & Locations: **On-Line**

Instructor information

Instructor: **Richard Patterson, PhD**

Office Location: **Faculty Office Link 103**

Office Hours: **Monday-Friday 9-11 AM. This means that I should usually be in my office at these times, if you want to call me. If you happen to be in Torrington, drop-ins are always welcome.**

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Course Content Information

Course Catalog Description:

An introduction to the study of the nature and causes of criminal behavior. Biological, psychological, and sociological theories are examined. Types of criminal behavior, historical perspectives, crime statistics, and current trends are also covered.

Course Rationale:

This course serves to introduce the criminal justice or other social science student to the study of criminal behavior. It provides them with a broad understanding of the various ways criminality is conceptualized, studied and addressed. It also prepares them for further study in their discipline.

Course Objectives:

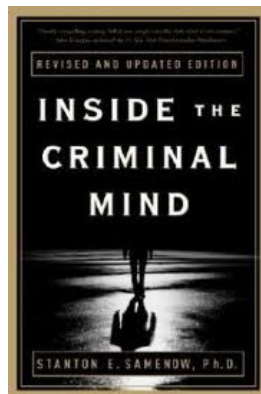
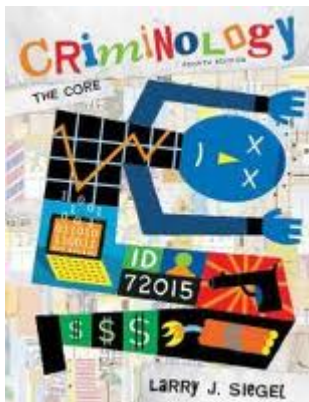
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will understand and be able to discuss:

1. The various theoretical approaches that have been used historically to explain criminal behavior.
2. The current biological, psychological, and sociological theories that are used to explain criminality.
3. The various societal responses to crime, both historically and currently.
4. How crime is defined and crime rates are measured.
5. Trends in both the nature and extent of crime.

Course Texts:

Samenow, S. E. (2004). *Inside the Criminal Mind*. New York, NY: Crown Publishers.

Siegel, L. J., (2011). *Criminology: The Core* (4th ed.). Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.



Course Schedule:

- Week 1 **August 29-September 1** **Introduction to the course**
- Post a brief biography-introduce yourself to the class
 - Take the practice quiz
 - Send me a test email through LancerNet
- Week 2 **September 2-September 15** **Introduction to the study of Criminology**
- Read Chapter 1
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 3 **September 16-September 22** **Nature of Crime**
- Read Chapter 2
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 4 **September 16-September 22** **Crime Victims**
- Read Chapter 3
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
 - **Take Exam 1. Open from 11:55 PM, September 18 to 11:55 PM September 22**
- Week 5 **September 23-September 29** **Types of Crime-Violent**
- Read Chapter 10
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 6 **September 30-October 6** **Types of Crime-Property**
- Read Chapter 11
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 7 **October 7-October 13** **Types of Crime-Other**
- Read Chapter 12 & 13
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 8 **October 14-October 20** **The Criminal Justice System**
- Read Chapter 14
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
 - **Take Examination 2. Open from 11:55 PM, October 16 to 11:55 PM October 20**
- Week 9 **October 21-October 27** **Sociological Theories-Choice**
- Read Chapter 4
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 10 **October 28-November 3** **Sociological Theories-Social Structure**
- Read Chapter 6
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 11 **November 4-November 10** **Sociological Theories-Social Process**
- Read Chapter 7
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 12 **November 11-November 17** **Sociological Theories-Conflict**
- Read Chapter 8
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
 - **Take Examination 3. Open from 11:55 PM, November 13 to 11:55 PM November 17**

- Week 13 **November 18-November 24** **Psychological Theories-Trait, etc.**
- Read Chapter 5
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 14 **November 25-December 1** **Psychological Theories**
- Read Samenow chapters 1-8
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 15 **December 2-December 8** **Psychological Theories**
- Read Samenow chapters 9-16
 - Complete the Weekly Assignment
- Week 16 **December 9-December 11** **Final Examination-All work is due!**
- **Take the Final Examination. Open from 11:55 PM, December 7 to 11:55 PM December 11.**

Course Requirements

Examinations:

There are four exams in this course. The format consists of 25-35 multiple-choice questions. You will have 60 minutes to complete these exams, except for the final exam that is 90 minutes long. They must be taken during the time they are “open” in LancerNet unless you have arranged **in advance**. If you miss a scheduled exam due to unforeseen circumstances, you should contact me as soon as possible to discuss your options. **Please Note: Tests are not to be taken with other students present. They are an individual activity.**

Weekly Assignments:

Each week, usually on Monday morning, I will post the week’s assigned reading. In addition, there will be one or more other weekly assignments. Sometimes it will be additional reading, other times I will post a discussion question that you will respond to. Sometimes it might be a quiz on the reading or a short (usually one-page) paper on a specific topic. In each case, the weekly assignment score will be worth up to 10 points. You will be graded on your effort and results.

Grading:

Points are earned on the following basis:

- Exams-100 Points each, 300 possible points total.
- Weekly Assignment-10 points per week, 150 points possible.
- Final Examination-150 points possible.

The final letter grade for the course is based on the following numerical scale:

Letter	Percentage	Description	Total Points.
A	90-100%	Exceptional	540-600
B	80-<90%	Very Good-Above Average	480-539
C	70-<80%	Average	420-479

D	60-<70%	Poor	360-419
F	<60%	Failure	Less than 360

ADA Accommodations

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If a student has such a disability and desires accommodation for such disability, the student should contact Mr. Tom McDowell or Ms. Debra Ochsner as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your instructor.

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