

SOC 222 CRIMINOLOGY

Section 01

Fall 2020 Virtual Syllabus:

Course Site on Canvas

Class Hours: Asynchronous Remote on a weekly Tuesday/Thursday schedule—

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Asynchronous Remote means that you will not be required to attend any class meeting at a specific time and date. Instead you will fully participate in the class remotely (i.e. virtually) and asynchronously (i.e. we don't all need to be in sync). In other words, you will have a set period of time to complete each week's course work.

Professor: Dr. Brittany Friedman

Office Hours: Thursdays 12:30PM-2:00PM by appointment via WebEx. Please email 24hrs ahead to confirm a spot and I will send a link for the meeting.

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SUMMARY



This course examines the field and practice of criminology—i.e. the study of crime—from classical, contemporary, and critical perspectives. The course materials will introduce you to the major theoretical explanations for defining and measuring criminal behavior and the different types of crime and victimization.

This course satisfies Rutgers' School of Arts and Sciences' core curriculum requirements of social analysis [SCL].

COURSE READING

There is one required book for this class. **To make the course low cost**, there are two options to access the required book:

The book is available for purchase online through the university bookstore OR **students may access the book for free online by logging into the university library system** using their RU NetID and password.

An Introduction to Critical Criminology (2015) by Pamela Ugwudike

RU Library Online Full Access:

https://rutgers.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?context=L&vid=01RUT_INST:01RUT&lang=en&search_scope=MyInst_and_CI&docid=alma991031530848604646

*All other course materials are available online in Canvas under the Modules tab under the appropriate date.

COURSE GRADE & ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

A = 90-100
B+ = 86-89
B = 80-85
C+ = 76-79
C = 70-75
D = 66-69
F = below 65

I encourage all students to familiarize themselves with the Rutgers University policies and procedures on academic integrity, available at:

https://slwordpress.rutgers.edu/academicintegrity/wp-content/uploads/sites/41/2014/11/AI_Policy_2013.pdf

COURSE EVALUATION & ASSIGNMENTS

(60% Course Grade) Weekly 1-page double-spaced writing reflections:

- **Due Thursdays 11:59pm in Canvas** under the Modules tab under the appropriate date.
- Late submissions lose one letter grade.
- Each reflection is worth 100 points. There are 12 total.

- This weekly writing exercise asks you to reflect on the week’s course material (lectures, slides, reading, supplemental materials) and use that course material to answer the following prompt:
 - **I) Choose a current or historical event in the news**
 - **II) Explain how one of the theories we learned this week would understand the human behavior taking place within this event as crime, III) what assumptions about human behavior does this theory make in order to allow it to categorize this behavior as crime, IV) what does this theory argue causes crime.**
 - (e.g. “The example I’ve decided to use is a person stealing a car as described in this current event: XX. One of the theories we learned this week is strain theory. I believe strain theory would understand this behavior as crime because XX. Strain theory makes the following assumptions about human behavior when considering it criminal behavior: XX. Strain theory believes crime is caused by XX.”)
- Put your name, RU NetID, and Reflection # at the top.
- Should be **1-page double spaced Doc/Docx, 12-point font, and cite** (e.g. MLA or Chicago style) which course materials you are drawing from to answer the question, **citing at least 3 materials**. More citations and integrating more materials will be rewarded as exceptional with a higher grade. Less citations and idea integration will be considered and graded as satisfactory completion, but not complex enough to warrant a higher grade.
- No less than 1-page without obvious, deliberate spacing to achieve this.
- **Turnitin Software** will be used to help evaluate if the reflection plagiarizes and thus violates university academic integrity guidelines. Common examples of plagiarism include:
 - Copying word-for-word from an oral, printed, or electronic source without proper attribution.
 - Paraphrasing without proper attribution, such as presenting in one’s own words another person’s written words or ideas as if they were one’s own.
 - Submitting a purchased or downloaded term paper or other materials.¹

(20% Course Grade) Open-Note Midterm Exam in Canvas:

- Exam is available for taking in Canvas **Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 8AM-11:59PM** and will close after that time.
- I need 72 hours prior notice if you need to reschedule your exam.
- Non-comprehensive. Covers the first half of the semester material, including weekly reading, lectures, slides, and supplemental material in Canvas.
- A study guide will be provided on the date noted below in the course schedule.
- **50 multiple-choice questions.**
- Open-note. You may use course materials to answer the questions.
 - This is an individual exam and thus working with others is a direct violation of the academic integrity policy.

¹ Common examples of plagiarism adapted from the Spring 2010 syllabus for Andy Egan’s 01:730:252 Eating Right: The Ethics of Food Choices and Food Policies.

- Once you have answered a question, you will not be allowed to go back and change your answer.
- You can save submitted answers if you need to pause the exam and continue at a later time up until the due date.

(20% Course Grade) Open-Note Final Exam in Canvas:

- Exam is available for taking in Canvas **Thursday, December 17, 2020 from 8AM-11:59PM** and will close after that time.
- I need 72 hours prior notice if you need to reschedule your exam.
- Non-comprehensive. Covers the second half of the semester material post-midterm, including weekly reading, lectures, slides, and supplemental material in Canvas.
- A study guide will be provided on the date noted below in the course schedule.
- **50 multiple-choice questions.**
- Open-note. You may use course materials to answer the questions.
 - This is an individual exam and thus working with others is a direct violation of the academic integrity policy.
- Once you have answered a question, you will not be allowed to go back and change your answer.
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OFFICE OF STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

In accordance with University policy, if you have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this course, please contact me at the beginning of the semester. Students with disabilities must verify eligibility through the Office of Student Disability Services. The University Disability policy and procedure is available at <http://disabilityservices.rutgers.edu/> Students with disabilities requesting accommodations must follow the procedures outlined at <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/applying-for-services> If you need accommodation under the university disability policy please let me know by **September 5**.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

University religious holiday policies: http://catalogs.rutgers.edu/generated/nb-ug_current/pg1433.html

An interfaith calendar can be found at: <https://www.interfaith-calendar.org/>

UNIVERSITY WELLNESS RESOURCES

Student Wellness Program: <https://ubhc.rutgers.edu/swp/overview.xml>

Counseling Services: <http://health.rutgers.edu/medical-counseling-services/counseling/>

Crisis Intervention: <http://health.rutgers.edu/medical-counseling-services/counseling/crisis-intervention/>

COURSE SCHEDULE w/ READING LIST

[Reprinted on the Canvas Course Site under the Modules tab, with accompanying supplemental materials]

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Tuesday: 9/1

Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas

Course Syllabus and Introduction

What is Criminology?

Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 1-22); Carrabine et al. (pp. 1-6)

Thursday: 9/3

Weekly Reflection #1 due 11:59PM in Canvas

Pre-Classical, Classical, and Early Positivist Theories of Crime

Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 133-150)

Tuesday: 9/8

Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas

Positivist Foundations of Biological Theories of Crime

Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 193-207)

Thursday: 9/10

Weekly Reflection #2 due 11:59PM in Canvas

Social Ecology Theory

Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 258-265)

- Tuesday: 9/15 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Strain and Anomie Theory
Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 240-244; 249-258, 265); “Strain Theory,”
LibreTexts.
- Thursday: 9/17 **Weekly Reflection #3 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Subculture and Differential Opportunity Theories
Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 244-249); “Illegitimate Opportunity
Structures,” *LibreTexts*.
- Tuesday: 9/22 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Differential Association and Learning Theories
Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 274-283)
- Thursday: 9/24 **Weekly Reflection #4 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Social Control Theories
Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 293-318)
- Tuesday: 9/29 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Violent Crime
Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 391-424)
- Thursday: 10/1 **Weekly Reflection #5 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Economic Crime
Reading: Brown et al. (pp. 425-452)
- Tuesday: 10/6** **NO CLASS**
Midterm Study Guide Posted 3:00PM in Canvas
- Thursday: 10/8** **OPEN-NOTE MIDTERM EXAM IN CANVAS**
[available 8AM-11:59PM]
No Weekly Reflection
- Tuesday: 10/13 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
What is Critical Criminology?
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 11-35)
- Thursday: 10/15 **Weekly Reflection #6 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Labeling Perspective
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 37-63)

- Tuesday: 10/20 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Conflict Perspectives
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 65-73)
- Thursday: 10/22 **Weekly Reflection #7 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Marxist Perspectives
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 75-99)
- Tuesday: 10/27 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Neo-Conservative Perspectives
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 103-121)
- Thursday: 10/29 **Weekly Reflection #8 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Left Realism
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 123-139)
- Tuesday: 11/3 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Feminist Critiques
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 141-166)
- Thursday: 11/5 **Weekly Reflection #9 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Crimes of the Powerful
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 169-190)
- Tuesday: 11/10 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Green Criminology
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 191-201)
- Thursday: 11/12 **Weekly Reflection #10 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
Cultural Criminology
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 203-219)
- Tuesday: 11/17 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Critical Race Theory
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 221-238)
- Thursday: 11/19 **Weekly Reflection #11 due 11:59PM in Canvas**

Punishment and Control
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 241-273)

11/26-29 THANKSGIVING RECESS

Tuesday: 12/1 **Weekly Lectures and Slides Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
Globalization and Future Directions in Critical Criminology
Reading: Ugwudike (pp. 277-279)

Thursday: 12/3 **Weekly Reflection #12 due 11:59PM in Canvas**
No reading

Tuesday: 12/8 **Wrap-Up Lecture Posted 3:00PM in Canvas**
No reading

Thursday: 12/10 **NO CLASS**
Final Exam Study Guide Posted 3:00PM in Canvas

12/11-14 READING DAYS

Thursday: 12/17 **OPEN-NOTE FINAL EXAM IN CANVAS**
[available 8AM-11:59PM]