

**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Welcomes You To:**

**CJC 112.10  
CRIMINOLOGY  
3 Credit and 3 Contact Hours**

**Spring 2006**

**Course Description**

This course introduces deviant behavior as it relates to criminal activity. Topics include theories of crime causation; statistical analysis of criminal behavior; past, present, and future social control initiatives; and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to explain and discuss various theories of crime causation and societal response.

**Prerequisites:** RED 080

**Corequisites:** None

**Instructor Information**

**Instructor:** William Don Edwards  
**Office Location:** Public Safety Building  
**Telephone Number:** (828) 765-7351 ext 275  
**E-mail Address:**  
**Office Hours:** available upon request

**Course Information**

**Course Meets** M 01:00 – 03:50 PM

**Required Text(s):** Criminology Today, 4th Edition, Frank Schmalleger,  
Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006

**LRC Resources:** None

**Required supplies:** None

**Course Objectives/Competencies:**

1. Criminology is normally the student's first opportunity to study the nature of criminal behavior. This course is designed to present an organized and comprehensive introduction to major research conducted in the field.
2. Upon completion, the student will have been objectively presented the many diverse views that characterize criminology and reflect its interdisciplinary nature.

3. Upon completion, the student will have been provided an in-depth analysis of criminology examining historical data, statistical information, journal articles, scholarly works, and government documents.
4. The student will have been provided an introduction to the criminal justice system which included familiarization with the police, courts, and correction functions in society.

**Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work:**

Students are expected to attend all class meetings. Absence in excess of 10 percent of the total hours (4.8) may result in a letter grade reduction. Students are requested to contact the instructor when it is known that an absence(s) will be necessary. In emergencies, the instructor may make exceptions to this policy.

**Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:**

Tests will be administered in accordance with the attached course outline. A term research paper prepared in accordance with the attached information sheet is required. Test grades will account for 80% and the term research paper will account for 20% of the semester grade. In addition, a student may receive three (3) extra credit points for attendance and class participation. The points will be added to the semester grade.

**Grading Scale:**

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-89
- C = 70-79
- F = below 70

**Inclement Weather Procedures:**

On snow days this class will meet from 1:45 pm till 3:45 pm

**Academic Standards/Student Expectations/Ethics:**

Students will maintain behavior consistent with a good learning environment. Academic dishonesty which includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism, cheating or collaborating on a test, or submitting the academic work of another as one's own, is prohibited.

**Withdrawal Dates:**

**Spring 2006**

End of Unconditional Withdrawal	Monday, February 13, 2006
End of Conditional Withdrawal	Monday, March 27, 2006

**Any student requesting special accommodations for this course due to a disability should apply for services through the SOAR Office or the Counseling Center, which will document the disability. A counselor will then help determine which accommodations, if any, the student needs for success in this course.**

## Course Outline/Weekly Topics

<b>WEEK</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>
1	What is Criminology	1
2	Patterns of Crime Classical and Neoclassical Thought	2 4
3	Examination Chapter 1 and 4 Patterns of Crime	2
	Research Methods and Theory Development	3
4	Biological Roots of Criminal Behavior Theories	5
5	Examination - Chapters 2,3,5	
6&7	Psychological and Psychiatric Foundation Of Criminal Behavior	6
8	Examination - Chapter 6 Sociological Theories – Social Structure	7
9.	Social Process and Social Development	8
10.	Social Conflict	9
11	Examination - Chapters 7, 8, 9 Crimes Against Persons – Property	10 & 11
12	Term Papers Due White Collar Crime	12
13.	Presentation of Term Paper	
14	Presentation of Term Paper	
15	Drug Abuse and Crime Criminology and Social Policy	13 15
16	Final Exam	

## **Supplement to Syllabus CJC 112.10**

### **Research Paper**

Each student is required to submit a research paper which is due at the first meeting of the thirteenth week. The original copy is to be submitted to the instructor for evaluation and will be returned to the student. Each student will present an oral report to the class concerning the paper. A grade will be determined by evaluation of the written paper and the oral presentation.

The written paper will include a title page, introductory paragraph, body and conclusion and a bibliography page is required. The following will be used to evaluate the paper.

1. Title Page:  
Include Course Title, Course Number – Title of Research, Identification of Instructor, and Student Name and Date.
2. Introduction  
Include thesis statement that clearly states the purpose of the paper. (This should be an attention catcher.)
3. Body  
Each paragraph in the body should develop one idea about the topic to include specific details and examples from the student's research. Use quotations around ideas from sources to achieve the paper's purpose.
4. Conclusion:  
This portion of the paper should reinforce the thesis statement.

The bibliography page must include all resources utilized by the writer. The Modern Language Association (MLA) method is recommended. Research sources will be listed alphabetically and numbered in sequence. Within the paper, quotes or references should be indicated by the last name of the author (source) and the number assigned to that source on the bibliography page.

Students are expected to use research materials in the paper. It is acceptable to use the language of others but absolutely necessary to credit the source - Otherwise you have plagiarized – which is unacceptable.

The paper will be typed (font no larger than 12) and double-spaced. It must be at least 6 pages and no more than 9 pages.

The topic for the paper will be determined in accordance with guidelines established and discussed during the second class week. Each topic must be approved by the instructor.

The paper (written/oral presentation) will account for Twenty Percent (20%) of the semester grade.