

**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:**

**CJC 112.75 (Independent Study)
Criminology
3 Credit and 3 Contact Hours**

Fall 2005

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: Ron Davis
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Course Information

Course Meets: Independent Study
Required Text(s): Criminology Today by Frank Schmalleger

LRC Resources: None

Required supplies: None

Course Objectives/Competencies:

1. General understanding of crime in our country.
2. Understanding of crime statistics, research methodology and theory development.
3. Understanding of Criminological Theories, past and present.
4. Understanding of specific categories of crime and related theoretical explanations.
5. Understanding of how Criminology shapes social policy.

Attendance Policy/Tardiness/Make-Up Work:

Students are expected to be present and on time for all scheduled classes. Random quizzes and assignments will be given throughout the semester to measure attendance/participation. These may not be made up for any reason. Therefore, it is in the student's best interest to attend all class meetings. If a student misses more than twelve class meetings, their final course grade may be affected. Students are requested to notify the instructor when it is known that an absence/tardy will be necessary. Students are responsible for obtaining any missed lecture notes. If a student is absent on a day a test is given, a make up test will be provided, in a different format. This make up test will be primarily essay. If it is known that an absence will be necessary on a test day, the student is encouraged to notify the instructor so arrangements can be made.

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Course grade will consist of tests, writing assignments, and one paper.

*The paper will be discussed in class. You will be using criminological theories to explain a specific type of crime. You are expected to include real-life case examples. The paper will be a minimum of five pages, typed, double-spaced, with a works cited page. The largest acceptable font size is "12", and margins should be one inch all around. Minimum number of resources is three.

Grading Scale:

- A** = 90-100
- B** = 80-89
- C** = 70-79
- D** = 60-69
- F** = Below 60

Inclement Weather Procedures:

Please use good judgment in the event of inclement weather. If a student does not feel comfortable driving in inclement weather, please don't risk it! Attendance will not be counted for periods of inclement weather. Please refer to local media outlets for closure announcements. Mayland Community College has the following operating schedules:

- Option A: Regular schedule; no delay
- Option B: Delayed schedule. Classes begin at 10AM.
- Option C: Classes are cancelled. Personnel report at 10AM.
- Option D: College is closed

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:

If a student desires to withdraw from this course, they are requested to notify the instructor so notation can be made in the attendance roster. Students must contact their advisor to officially withdraw from a course.

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| End of Unconditional Withdrawal | Friday, September 23, 2005 |
| End of Conditional Withdrawal | Tuesday, November 1, 2005 |

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.