

**MAYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Welcomes You To:**

**CJC 112.95
CRIMINOLOGY
3 Credit and 3 Contact Hours**

Spring 2007

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 090

Corequisites: None

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course Meets online according to schedule

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:

One of the desires of this course is for students to become acquainted with one another. While some may think it difficult to do that in an online environment, LEO technology has made it possible. To facilitate this desire, discussion topics will be posted on LEO each week, and students will be graded based on their participation on the message board.

Discussions will be conducted in an asynchronous fashion. In other words you do not have to arrange a time and date mutually beneficial to all. However, all discussions must occur between each week beginning Monday 1:00 a.m. and Sunday night 11:00 p.m.

Grading Criteria/Tests/Projects:

Grading for this course will include:

- Participation -30 %
- Project #1 - 15 %
- Project #2 - 15%
- Project #3 - 15%
- Project #4 - 25%

Grading Scale:

- A** = 93-100
- B** = 86-92
- C** = 78-85
- D**= 70-77
- F** = below 70

Inclement Weather Procedures:

Inclement weather should not adversely effect this course.

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

End of Unconditional Withdrawal

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

End of Conditional Withdrawal

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

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:

Course Schedule

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapter and Topic</u>
1	January 8 – 14, 2007	Chapter 1: What is Criminology?
2	January 15-21, 2007	Chapter 2: Patterns of Crime
3	January 22-28, 2007	Chapter 3: Research Methods
4	Jan. 29- February 04, 2007	Chapter 4: Classical and Neoclassical Thought
5	February 5-11, 2007	Chapter 5: Biological Roots of Crime
6	February 12-18, 2007	Chapter 6: Psychological and <small>Psychiatric</small> Foundations
7	Feb 19-25, 2007	Chapter 7: Social Structure
8	Feb 26- March 4, 2007	Chapter 8: Social Process and Development
9	March 5-9, 2007	Spring Break
10	March 12-18, 2007	Chapter 9: Social Conflict
11	March 19-25, 2007	Chapter 10: Crimes Against Persons
12	March 26-April 1, 2007	Chapter 11: Crimes Against Property
13	April 2-4	Short Week Make Up and Special Assignment
14	April 9-15, 2007	Chapter 12: White Collar and Organized Crimes
15	April 16-22, 2007	Chapter 13: Drug Abuse and Crime
16	April 23-29, 2007	Chapter 14: Technology and Crime
17	April 30-May 06, 2007	Chapter 16: Future Directions
18	May 06-09, 2007	Final week for class

Special Dates:

Project 1- Due Date -February 04, 2007

Project 2- Due Date- March 18, 2007

Project 3- Due Date- April 04, 2007

Final Project- Due Date- Put on Discussion Board no later than May 02, 2007