

Soc. 119 - Deviance
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores sociological approaches to the study of deviance, crime, and the criminal justice system. Special attention will be paid to the effects of formal sanctions on behavior.

TEXTS:

K = Delos H. Kelly, DEVIANT BEHAVIOR (2nd ed)

APPROXIMATE COURSE OUTLINE:

(All reading assignments are due on the first day of the topic period.)

Jan. 23.....Introduction; course requirements
Jan. 28 - Jan. 30....."Fact" vs. social construction
Read: K, pp. 1-32
Feb. 4 - Feb. 13.....Divergent themes
Read: K, pp. 75-103; 125-162; 189-213
Feb. 18 - Feb. 20.....Deviance as conflict
Read: K, pp. 104-124; 163-188
Feb. 25 - Feb. 27.....Interactionist perspective
Read: K, pp. 33-74; 214-222

FIRST EXAM, MARCH 4th

Mar. 6 - Mar. 11.....Cultural context and accommodation
Read: K, pp. 223-328
Mar. 13 - Mar. 18.....Rise and nature of deviant groups
Read: K, pp. 521-567
Mar. 20 - Apr. 3.....Entering and learning the culture
Read: K, pp. 568-613
Apr. 8 - Apr. 10.....Subcultural variations
Read: K, pp. 614-704

SECOND EXAM, APRIL 5th

Apr. 17 - Apr. 22.....Formal agencies of control
Read: K, pp. 329-391
Apr. 24 - Apr. 29.....Public regulation
Read: K, pp. 444-477
May. 1 - May. 6.....Formal processing
Read: K, pp. 478-520
May. 8 - May 13.....Being deviant
Read: K, pp. 705-798

FINAL EXAMINATION: For Soc 119-001 (8am) will be Monday, May 19, 3:30-6:30pm
For Soc 119-004 (3:30pm) will be Saturday, May 17, 11:30am-2:30pm

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

There will be 3 quizzes given over the course of the semester. There will be no make-up quizzes. If you miss a quiz because of an excused absence, a written critique of a selected article may be substituted for the quiz score. Maximum points available from the quizzes is 75.

There will be two, in-class, midterm examinations. These tests will be a combination of multiple choice, true/false, and short essay questions. While this mode of testing usually only requires memorization, the exams in this course will be designed to test your ability to apply the course materials. Each midterm has a maximum point value of 100.

The final examination will be similar in format to the midterms. Maximum points available from the final are 150.

I view the information in this course to be cumulative, with understanding of later material based on an appreciation of earlier discussions/readings. As such, all the exams will be comprehensive, and you will be responsible for all materials covered prior to the particular exam.

Your final grade will be determined from your cumulative score out of a maximum of 425 points.