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COLLEGE

WACO, TEXAS

COURSE SYLLABUS

AND

INSTRUCTOR PLAN

Criminology

SOCI. 2336-87

Kurt Chunn

NOTE: This is a 16-week course.

COVID 19 Notice:

McLennan Community College is committed to providing you with every resource you need to reach your academic goals including your safety. We will continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID 19 and adjust our safety guidelines to make sure we offer a safe environment for you and our faculty. Please make sure to consult your faculty and the MCC website at <https://www.mclennan.edu/crisis-management/coronavirus-updates/index.html> on any changes to these guidelines.

Course Description:

The course surveys various theories of crime, with an emphasis on understanding the social causes of criminal behavior. The techniques for measuring crime as a social phenomenon and the characteristics of criminals are examined. This course addresses crime types (such as consensual or white-collar crimes), the criminal justice system, and other social responses to crime.

Semester hours 3 (3 lec)

Prerequisites and/or Corequisites: None.

Instructor Information:

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Office Location: TBD

Office/Teacher Conference Hours: MWT/Th: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Required Text & Materials:

- **Computer Access with Internet**

Brightspace compatible browser – *Firefox* tends to work best

Capability to open **Word processing files** and **Adobe (pdf) files**

- **Text**

- ***Criminology, the core.*** 7th Edition

- Author: Siegel, Larry

- ISBN: 978-133-755771-9

- Copyright Year: 2019

- Publisher: Cengage

You can rent or access digital version

MCC Bookstore Website: <http://www.mclennan.edu/bookstore/>

In addition to the textbook, the following resources are also needed:

- Reliable internet access for D2L/Brightspace, MCC email, and other relevant websites
- Word processing software

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Methods of Teaching and Learning:

For 10 chapters you will need to turn in a news **story** that *relates to the chapter*. **You choose which 10 chapters you want to do!** (Note: We only have 14 chapters overall).

Each news story needs to come from a news source on the internet. **Do not use professional journals, encyclopedias, or other notes on the internet for these stories. News stories that are "Book Reviews" are not to be used either.** The entire story must be included (cut and pasted electronically) and then **3 paragraphs** should be **typed** by you.

The *last day* that the News Stories will be accepted will be on the Calendar on Brightspace **and no late chapter reviews will be accepted.**

*****See and follow the example under "News Stories" on Brightspace.**

Chapter Reviews:

For each chapter that we cover, you will find a chapter review sheet on *Brightspace* under "*Chapter Reviews*" to fill out and turn in on the dates listed on the calendar. Each chapter review will consist of fill-in-the-blank sentences that come straight from your textbook. The *last day* that the chapter reviews will be accepted will be on the Calendar on Brightspace **and no late chapter reviews will be accepted.**

Criminology Interview Paper:

You will be conducting an interview of someone involved in the Criminal Justice system. This could be a police officer, a criminal defense attorney, a prosecutor, a jailer/guard, or a judge.

You will be asking your person about the following:

- *What is the training required for their position?*
- *What is the most frustrating part of their job? What is the most rewarding part of their job?*
- *How do they see the CJ system functioning? Is it working now? What would they change if they had the power to change things?*
- *What is their view of mandatory sentencing for offenses?*
- *What do they see as root causes of criminal behavior? What could be done to lessen crime?*

In your 6 page paper, you want to do the following:

Type up the results of your interview. What theory or theories of criminology would best describe that person's point of view? Why?

Use the format on Brightspace for typing up your paper.

Discussion Board:

You will have 6 Discussion Board topics to post your responses to, and the dates for those postings are listed on your calendar on Brightspace. The due dates are on the Calendar on Brightspace, and **no late postings will be accepted.**

Exams:

We will have **5 exams** this semester which are listed in the Course Schedule section of this syllabus.

Course Objectives and/or Competencies:

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.

- **Critical Thinking (CT)** -- to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- **Communications Skill (COM)** -- to include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication
- **Empirical & Quantitative Skills (EQS)** -- to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions
- **Social Responsibility (SR)** -- to include intercultural competency, civic knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Define key concepts associated with criminology.
2. Identify major criminological theories.
3. Describe the major categories of crime.
4. Explain the various methodological approaches used to research crime and criminal behavior.
5. Describe the components and explain the dynamics of the criminal justice system.

Course Outline or Schedule:

Week One: Introduction to the course, review of the syllabus, calendar, and grading.	Week Nine: <i>Chapter 8 review;</i> <i>news story for chapter 8 (CT, COM)</i>
Week Two: <i>Chapter 1 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 1 (CT, COM)</i>	Week Ten: <i>News Story for Chapter 9 (CT, COM)</i> Exam # 3 – Chapters 7 – 9 (CT, EQS) <i>Chapter 9 Review</i>
Week Three: <i>chapter 2 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 2 (CT, COM)</i>	Week Eleven: <i>Chapter 10 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 10 (CT, COM)</i>
Week Four: <i>News Story for Chapter 3(CT, COM)</i> Exam # 1 - Chapters 1 - 3 (CT, EQS) Chapter 3 review	Week Twelve: <i>Chapter 11 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 11(CT, COM)</i>
Week Five: <i>Chapter 4 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 4 (CT, COM)</i>	Week Thirteen: <i>Chapter 12 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 12 (CT, COM)</i> <i>Criminology Interview Paper! (CT, COM, SR)</i>
Week Six: <i>Chapter 5 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 5 (CT, COM)</i>	Week Fourteen: <i>Chapter 13 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 13 (CT, COM)</i>
Week Seven: <i>Chapter 6 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 6 (CT, COM)</i>	Week Fifteen: Exam # 4 - Chapters 10 - 13 (CT, EQS) <i>Chapter 14 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 14 (CT, COM)</i>
Week Eight: Exam # 2 – Chapters 4 – 6 (CT, EQS) <i>Chapter 7 review;</i> <i>News Story for chapter 7 (CT, COM)</i>	Week Sixteen: ... Final Exam! (CT, EQS) <i>Covering: Chapter 14, and Comprehensive!</i>

NOTE: The syllabus is subject to change, but changes will be announced in advance in class and on the Brightspace “Announcement Page” for this course.

Course Grading Information:

GRADING:

500 – 5 tests @ 100 points each
200 – 10 News Articles @ 20 points each
140 – 14 Chapter Reviews @ 10 points each
60 – 6 Discussion Board postings @ 10 points each
100 – Criminology Interview @ 100 points
1000 points possible

Total Points:

900 - 1000 = A
800 - 899 = B
700 - 799 = C
600 – 699 = D
599 or below = F

Late Work, Attendance, and Make Up Work Policies:

1. *Is there any extra credit?* No. There are enough assignments that if you complete them, you should make a satisfactory grade in class.
2. *May I make up missed work?* No. So, it would be wise to work ahead and stay ahead just in case: your frog croaks, your dog chokes, your computer smokes, etc.
3. *May I make up a missed exam?* Absolutely! But, *whatever* the reason, you will lose 20 points for having the extra study time and taking it late. You have **2 days** to make up the exam.
4. *May I turn in my work early?* Absolutely! Any of these assignments may be turned in early!! No problem!! These assignments just cannot be turned in late!!

Student Behavioral Expectations or Conduct Policy:

Student are expected to follow the General Conduct Policy in the [Highlander Guide](#).

*** Click Here for the MCC Attendance/Absences Policy**

(<https://www.mclennan.edu/highlander-guide/policies.html>)

Click on the link above for the college policies on attendance and absences. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students, and each instructor will maintain a complete record of attendance for the entire length of each course, including online and hybrid courses. Students will be counted absent from class meetings missed, beginning with the first official day of classes. Students, whether present or absent, are responsible for all material presented or assigned for a course and will be held accountable for such materials in the determination of course grades. **The last day for student initiated withdrawals from courses is Tuesday, October 25, 2022.**

Accommodations/ADA Statement

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Students with questions or who require assistance with disabilities involving physical, classroom, or testing accommodations should contact:

disabilities@mclennan.edu

254-299-8122

Room 319, Student Services Center

* **[Click Here for more information about Title IX](#)**

(www.mclennan.edu/titleix)

We care about your safety, and value an environment where students and instructors can successfully teach and learn together. If you or someone you know experiences unwelcomed behavior, we are here to help. Individuals who would like to report an incident of sexual misconduct are encouraged to immediately contact the Title IX Coordinator at titleix@mclennan.edu or by calling Dr. Drew Canham (Vice President for Student Success) at 299-8645. Individuals also may contact the MCC Police Department at 299-8911 or the MCC Student Counseling Center at MCC by calling 299-8210. The MCC Student Counseling Center is a confidential resource for students. Any student or employee may report sexual harassment anonymously by visiting the following website: <http://www.lighthouse-services.com/mclennan/>.

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MCC Foundation Emergency Grant Fund:

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