TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY - CORPUS CHRISTI
COURSE SYLLABUS
Course: Sociology of Deviant Behavior   Semester: August 2013
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Required Readings

TEXT:

RESERVED READINGS: Listed in the "course outline" section of the syllabus.

Course Objective
This course is a sociological analysis of "behaviors that are considered unacceptable violations of major social norms that elicit negative reactions by social control agents." We will examine the nature, extent, distribution, explanations of, and public-policy responses to the violations of selected social norms. Our objective is to expose students to the major theoretical, methodological and substantive issues in the field. To achieve this objective requires, however, a sacrifice of some depth for comprehensiveness.

Learning Outcomes
• Define and explain the different sociological conceptions of deviant behaviors.
• Demonstrate a clear understanding of the different sociological theories of deviant behaviors.
• Distinguish among, and assess the strengths and weaknesses of the different sociological methods in deviant behavior research.
• Discuss the nature, prevalence, explanations of, and public-policy responses to specific deviant behaviors, including (but not limited to) drug abuse, sexual deviance/deviations, mental illness, murder and white-collar crimes.
Course Requirement

Your final grade in this course will be based on the following:

- First Examination --- 50 percent
- Second Examination ---- 50 percent
- TOTAL 100 percent

Both exams must be taken at the scheduled times and place. Make-up exams will only be allowed only for validly supported medical and/or personal emergencies. There is will be no extra credit point. Exams are in-class, and in essay format. Exam questions require thoughtful, analytical and comprehensive answers. Blue ("Examination") books are required for all exams. Students who miss class are responsible for making arrangements with any of their course mates for lecture notes and/or handouts given during their absence.

Course Format

All class instructions will comprise straight lectures and discussions. There will be three one-hour lectures/discussions interspersed by three 10-minute breaks every day of regular (Tuesday-Thursday) class meetings. The last 15 minutes of these meetings will be devoted to Q&A. The first 1 hour 30 minutes on Mondays will be spent reviewing (with the instructor) for the exam. There will be a 15 minute break, after which students will be allowed 30 minutes for group review. The last two hours will be for the exam.

Students with Disabilities

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you suspect that you may have a disability (physical impairment, learning disability, psychiatric disability, etc.), Please contact the Services for Students with Disabilities Office, located in Driftwood 101 at 825-5816 for further instruction and/or guidance. If you need disability accommodations in this class, please see me as soon as possible.
Academic Advising
The College of Liberal Arts requires that students meet with an Academic Advisor as soon as they are ready to declare a major. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan, which must be signed by the student, a faculty mentor and the department chair. The College’s Academic Advising Center is located in Driftwood 203E and can be reached at 825-4366. Additionally, students are encouraged to speak to the instructor before dropping the class.

Course Outline
August 13-15 - Introductions: Instructor, Course and instructor.

- Studying Deviance Sociologically: Definitions, Scope, Methods and Problems. (C&M 1)

- Theories and Typologies of Deviance (C&M 4-6)

  -Drug use as deviance (C&M 9&10)

  -Sexual Deviance (C&M 11&12)

August 19 - First Exam

August 20-27
- Mental & Physical Disabilities (C&M 13-14,)

  - Violent Crimes: (C&M chp. 7)

- White-Collar Crime (C&M chp. 8)

- Terrorism: Reading 2

- Crime Control (C&M chp. 2)

August 27 - Final Exam

This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor to accommodate students' and/or instructional needs.