Course Description:

This course is directed at sociological research and theories of crime and criminal behavior. In addition, this course will look at social, cultural, economic and psychological factors affecting crime. The definition of crime in historical and cross-cultural perspectives: interpersonal violence, organized crime, corporate crime, and political violations of human rights.

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of crime as a social construction from a historical and cross-cultural perspective and will be able to demonstrate an understanding of various sociological theories and approaches used to study crime and criminal behavior.

Required Text:


Suggested Readings:


Course Meetings:

6/6 Introduction & overview of the course and its requirements.

6/8 Chapter 13: The Criminal Justice System
6/13 Continue with Chapter Thirteen

6/15 Chapter 1: The Study of Crime
*** Quiz One/Chapter 13 ***

6/20 Chapter 2: Measuring Crime/UCR/NCVS/NIBRS

6/22 Chapter 6: Social, Cultural and Economic Sources of Crime

6/27 *** Test/Chapters 1, 2, and 6 ***

6/29 Chapter 7: Social Control and Commitment To The Law

7/4 *** No Class ***

7/6 Chapter 8: Learning to Commit Crime

7/11 Chapter 9: Opportunities and Facilitating Factors
*** Quiz 2/Chapter 7 & 8 ***

7/13 Chapter 12: Community Reactions to Crime

7/18 Chapter 14: Deterrence, Incapacitation, Retribution and Rehabilitation... ... ... ***Papers Due ***

7/20 Chapter 15: Solving the Crime Problem

7/25 Last Day of Classes/Review for Final

7/27 *** Final Exam/Chapters 9, 12, and 14 ***

Course Requirements:

As per the CSI catalog attendance policy, you are allowed seven hours of absences for this class. Anything above this will reduce your grade by one letter grade and any absences above ten hours will result in a grade of D. Anyone who has eleven hours of absences will receive a WU. Anyone arriving later than fifteen minutes after class begins will not be admitted into class. Anyone leaving class early will be required to sign out with the time next to their name.

Grading:

Paper: 30%
Tests/Quiz: 60%
Attendance/Participation 10%
Paper:

The paper must be typed and doubled spaced. The font must be 12 and the margins should be at least one inch. The paper is to be no less than five pages and no more than eight pages. The paper must be proof read and must be cited. Plagiarism will not be tolerated and will result in a grade of F for the paper. The paper is due on July 18th 2017. Each day that the paper is late it will be reduced by a half of a letter grade. A paper handed in one time will have a grade range of an A to an F, one day late will have a grade range of B+ to F, two days late a grade range of B to F and three days late a grade range of B- to F. After the third day no papers will be accepted. More information on the paper will be given at a later date.

The College of Staten Island’s Regulations as to Academic Integrity, Plagiarism, and Cheating Integrity is fundamental to the academic enterprise. It is violated by such acts as borrowing or purchasing assignments (including but not limited to term papers, essays, and reports) and other written assignments; using concealed notes or crib sheets during examinations.

Misc:

Laptops may used for this course. No voice recorders unless authorized by the Office of Disability.
Absolutely no cell phone use during class. Y E S . . . This includes text messaging.