SYLLABUS

Soc/Crj 4800 OUTSIDERS AND SOCIAL DEVIANTS

Wayne State University

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Monday 5:30 – 9:15 0323 Oakland Center

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(By Appointment Only)

Required Text: DEVIANT BEHAVIOR, 11th edition

Thio/Taylor/Schwartz

Supplemental Text: “Readings in Deviant Behavior” 6th edition

Thio, Calhoun, and Conyers

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

* Students will understand and be able to explain deviance and social control as necessary forces in American society.
* Students will be able to understand and apply the theories of deviance to deviant behavior in American society
* Students will be able to explain how certain behaviors become defined as deviant and how social and legal norms are created
* Students will be able to question the social processes involved in constructing ideas of deviance and deviant behavior
* Students will be able to express, both orally and in writing, the basic concepts and ideas relevant to deviance and deviant behavior in the 21st century

IMPORTANT NOTES

* All work is due as scheduled. Late work will be marked down IF accepted. In case of illness or other emergency an email should be sent prior to the start of class in order to be considered for acceptance of late work
* Attendance is the responsibility of each student and will be considered as indicated in computing the final grade.
* Attendance will be taken each class. It is the responsibility of each student to sign the sign-in sheet at each class meeting. Being more than fifteen (15) minutes late to class will be considered an absence
* Religious holidays: See the WSU online Academic Calendar

STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

* **If you have a documented disability that requires accommodations, you will need to register with Student Disability Services for coordination of your academic accommodations.  The Student Disability Services (SDS) office is located at 1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library in the Student Academic Success Services department.  SDS telephone number is 313-577-1851 or 313-577-3365 (TDD only).**
* **Once you have your accommodations in place, I will be glad to meet with you privately during my office hours to discuss your special needs.**
* **Student Disability Services’ mission is to assist the university in creating an accessible community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in their educational experience at Wayne State University."**

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING:

Readings (10 x 2 pts each) + 20 points

Critical Thinking Exercises 2 x 5 pts each) + 10 points

Short Paper + 20 points

Quizzes 2 (quiz 1 = 20 pts; quiz 2 = 25 pts)) + 45 points

Attendance and Participation + 05 points

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= 100 points total

GRADING SCALE

Total Points Grade

94 - 100 points = A

90 - 93 points = A-

87 - 89 points = B+

84 - 86 points = B

80 - 83 points = B-

77 - 79 points = C+

74 - 76 points = C

70 - 73 points = C-

67 - 69 points = D+

64 - 66 points = D

60 - 63 points = D-

COURSE OUTLINE:

DISCUSSION: Chapter Reference

Introduction, What is Deviant Behavior? 1

Reading: “Images of Deviance” Stephen Pfohl

Positivist Theories Lecture 2

Discussion

Readings: “Anomie-Strain Theory”

“Social Learning Theory”

“Control Theory”

Constructionist Theories Lecture 3

Discussion

Readings: “Labeling Theory”

“Conflict Theory”

“Feminist Theory”

Positive Deviance Lecture

Discussion

Physical Violence Lecture 4 Discussion

Readings: “Serial Murder” Fox & Levin

“What Triggers School Shootings” Kimmel & Mahler

Family Violence Lecture 6 Discussion

Readings: “Tenured and Battered” Madeline Bates

“Child to Mother Violence” Debra Jackson

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Suicide Lecture 7

Discussion

Reading: “The Desire for Death” Thomas Joiner

Mental Disorder Lecture 8

Discussion

Readings: “Being Sane in Insane Places” Rosenhan

“The Emergence of Hyperactive Adults as

Abnormal” Conrad & Potter

Heterosexual Deviance Lecture 9

Discussion

Readings: “The Globalization of Sex Tourism”

Wonders & Michalowski

“Flawed Theory and Method—“ Ronald Weitzer

Internet Deviance Lecture 11

Discussion

Readings: “Online Dating: I’m Dysfunctional, You’re

Dysfunctional” Andrea Orr

“Cyberbullying: Offenders and Victims”

Hinduja & Patchin

Deviant Drug Use Lecture 12 Discussion

Readings: “OxyContin: A Prescription for Disaster”

Inciardi & Goode

“……Selling Drugs on Campus”

Mohamed & Fritsvold

Alcohol Abuse Lecture 13

Discussion

Readings: “Binge Drinking on College Campuses”

Durkin, Wolfe & Lewis

“Hey, Don’t Blame Me…Blame the Booze”Robert Peralta

Privileged Deviance Lecture 14

Discussion

Readings: “Enron: Organizational Rituals as Deviance”

Ulsperger & Knottnerus

“Societal Causes of Political Corruption”

Xin & Rudel

Underprivileged Deviance Lecture 15 Discussion

Reading: “Burglary: The Offenders Perspective”

Paul Cromwell

“The Immediate Experience of Carjacking”

Jacobs, Topalli, & Wright

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