

## CRJS 3735 - Crime and Delinquency

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41973,

Credit hours: 3

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### Course Description

3735. Crime and Delinquency. Study of the social context of crime in society, including a review of historical theories offered in explanation of criminal behavior. Review of social and psychological factors underlying delinquency, touching on treatment and preventive measures. 3 hours of lecture per week Prereq.: PSYC 1560 or SOC 1500 or CRJS 3736 or CRJS 1500. 3 s.h.

### Course Readings

| Group    | Title | Author | ISBN |
|----------|-------|--------|------|
| Required |       |        |      |

*Textbook: Criminology (Justice Series) by Frank Schmalleger, 5<sup>th</sup> edition (2020)*

ISBN: 8220145128533

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

### Schedule of Topics and Assignments

| Day | Date | Proposed Topic | Due/To Prepare for Class                          |
|-----|------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Thu | 8/27 |                | Due 8/27 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz CH. 1                |
| Thu | 9/3  |                | Due 9/3 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz Ch. 2<br>Assignment 1 |
| Thu | 9/10 |                | Due 9/10 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 3                    |
| Thu | 9/17 |                | Due 9/17 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 4<br>Assignment 2    |



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| Thu | 9/24  | Due 9/24 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 5<br>Assignment 3                                        |
| Thu | 10/1  | Due 10/1 at 11:59pm:<br>Assignment 4                                                  |
| Thu | 10/8  | Due 10/8 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 6                                                        |
| Thu | 10/15 | Due 10/15 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 7<br>Assignment 5                                       |
| Thu | 10/22 | Due 10/22 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 8                                                       |
| Thu | 10/29 | Due 10/29 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 9<br>Assignment 6                                       |
| Thu | 11/5  | Due 11/5 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 10<br>Assignment 7                                       |
| Thu | 11/12 | Due 11/12 at 11:59pm:<br>Quiz 11                                                      |
| Thu | 11/19 | Due 11/19 at 11:59pm:<br>Assignment 8                                                 |
| Thu | 11/26 | Due 11/26 at 11:59pm:<br>Assignment 9<br>Assignment 10<br>Final Project- turn in here |

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