

CRJS 3735 - Crime and Delinquency

Summer 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 30254,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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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	Criminology (5th ed.)		

Author: Frank Schmalleger

Publisher: Pearson

Date: 2021 (digital) 2019 (physical) ISBN: 9780137536207 – Digital Copy; 9780135209295 – Loose Leaf; 9780135186251 - Paperback

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



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Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
6/29	Chapters 1 & 2	What is Criminology?; Crime Causation	07/05 – Discussion 1
7/6	Chapters 3 & 4	Early Biological Perspectives on Criminal Behavior; Biosocial & Other Contemporary Perspectives	07/12 – Discussion 2; Exam 1
7/13	Chapters 5 & 6	Psychological & Psychiatric Foundations of Criminal Behavior; Social Structure	07/19 – Discussion 3
7/20	Chapters 7 & 8	Social Process & Social Development; Social Conflict & Emergent Theories	07/26 – Discussion 4
7/27	Chapters 9 & 10	Criminal Victimization; Crimes Against Persons	08/02 – Exam 2; Discussion 5
8/3	Chapters 11 & 12	Crimes Against Property; White-Collar & Organized Crime	08/09 – Discussion 6
8/10	Chapters 13, 14, & 15	Drugs & Sex Crimes; Technology & Crime; Globalization & Terrorism	08/14 – Exam 3; Term Paper

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