

Course Logistics and Instructor Contact Information

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COURSE CATALOG DESCRIPTION

An examination of theoretical explanations of offenses and societal reactions. Also considers models of treatment, the nature and extent of crime, and control of crime. Online sections of this course will have a per credit hour fee. Please see the official University Catalog for current fee amount and details. Prerequisite: CRIJ 1301.

COURSE RATIONALE

Studying criminology provides you with an understanding of crime and criminal behavior. Understanding this topic can help you in various rewarding careers, including in law enforcement; public policy; and social justice. It also will aid you with critical thinking and analytical skills, both of which are valuable in addressing societal issues related to crime and justice.

COURSE TIME AND LOCATION

- 08/25/2025 - 12/13/2025
- Tuesday and Thursday
- 8:00AM to 9:20AM
- Arts and Sciences #104

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course:

1. The student will be able to *define* Criminology.
2. The student will *identify and describe* the different theories and schools of thought pertaining to criminology in the past and present.
3. The student will be able to *describe and provide explanations of* crime and criminal behavior in contemporary society.
4. The student will be able to *recognize and identify* the different types of crimes.

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5. The student will be able to *identify and demonstrate* an understanding of the criminological approach to the criminal justice system.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

1. Siegel, L. J. (2023). *Criminology* (8th ed.). Cengage Learning.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOK

1. APA. (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have access to a computer or tablet with internet access to use UT-Tyler's Canvas LMS. Assignments and quizzes will be handled through Canvas. Additionally, students must have access to, and use of, a word processor (e.g., MS Word or Apple Pages) and presentation software (e.g., MS PowerPoint or Apple Keynote). Lastly, students must have access to a mind-mapping application. Work uploaded to Canvas must be in one of the following file formats:

- Documents: .docx, .doc, .pages, or .pdf (.pdf is the preferred format)
- Presentations / graphs: .docx, .doc, .pptx, .ppt, .key, or .pdf (.pdf is the preferred format)

ATTENDANCE

You can't learn if you're not in class. You must attend and participate in the class to earn credit!

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

It is the student's responsibility to keep track of due dates. Please note that quizzes, assignments, and tests will be available for several days, so missing a due date for any given quizzes, assignments, or tests will translate into a score of zero. There will be no extra credit or extensions to complete any missed quizzes, assignments, or tests.

1. **Anti-Plagiarism Certificate:** You must complete the free, online **anti-plagiarism course** indicated under the Syllabus Module. Upon completion of the two required modules, you must upload a copy of your completion certificate to Canvas. **This certificate is worth 5% of your grade and is required for successful completion of the course.**

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2. **Quizzes and Assignments:** Reading the assigned chapters puts concepts into action. To help with retention and comprehension of the material, you will complete short quizzes each week. Quizzes will consist of multiple choice and true/false questions. **Quizzes are worth 50% of your grade.**
3. **Assignments:** You will, from time to time, be required to complete various assignments that will help you to master the content we've covered. **Assignments are worth 25% of your grade.**
4. **Final Exam:** The final will consist of true/false and multiple-choice questions taken from the material covered during the semester. **Your final exam is worth 20% of your grade.**

CENSUS DATE

The census date for this summer class is **Monday, September 8, 2025**. Drops/withdrawals after Census Date and before the Last Day to Withdraw will result in a grade of W. Courses dropped prior to Census Date will not appear on the student's record or the transcript.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

UT Tyler is committed to exploring and using artificial intelligence (AI) tools as appropriate for the discipline and task undertaken. We encourage discussing AI tools' ethical, societal, philosophical, and disciplinary implications. All uses of AI should be acknowledged as this aligns with our commitment to honor and integrity, as noted in UT Tyler's Honor Code. Faculty and students must not use protected information, data, or copyrighted materials when using any AI tool. Additionally, users should be aware that AI tools rely on predictive models to generate content that may appear correct but is sometimes shown to be incomplete, inaccurate, taken without attribution from other sources, and/or biased. Consequently, an AI tool should not be considered a substitute for traditional approaches to research. You are ultimately responsible for the quality and content of the information you submit. Misusing AI tools that violate the guidelines specified for this course (see below) is considered a breach of academic integrity. The student will be subject to disciplinary actions as outlined in UT Tyler's Academic Integrity Policy.

The work submitted by students in this course will be generated by themselves. This includes all process work, drafts, brainstorming artifacts, editing, and final products. This extends to group assignments where students must collaboratively create the project. Any instance of the following constitutes a violation of UT Tyler's Honor Code: a student has another person/entity do any portion of a graded assignment, which includes purchasing work from a company, hiring a person or company to complete an assignment or exam, using a previously submitted assignment and/or using AI tools (such as ChatGPT).

STUDENT RESOURCES AND UT-TYLER POLICIES

- [Student Resources](#)
- [University Policies and Information](#)

COURSE SCHEDULE

Note: this schedule is subject to change. I will notify you if I make any alterations.

- **Week 1: August 25 - August 31, 2025**
 - Introduction, welcome to class, overview of syllabus
 - Siegel, Chapter 1: Crime and Criminology
 - Chapter 1 Quiz due Sunday night
 - Anti-plagiarism certificate due Sunday night
- **Week 2: September 1 - September 7, 2025**
 - Monday, September 1: Labor Day holiday; no classes
 - Siegel, Chapter 2: The Nature and Extent of Crime
 - Chapter 2 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 3: September 8 - September 14, 2025**
 - Monday, September 8: Census Date
 - Siegel, Chapter 3: Victims and Victimization
 - Chapter Three Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 4: September 15 - September 21, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 4: Rational Choice Theory
 - Chapter 4 Quiz due Sunday night
 - Assignment: Reflection Paper due Sunday night
- **Week 5: September 22 - September 28, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 5: Trait Theories
 - Chapter 5 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 6: September 29 - October 5, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 6: Social Structure Theories
 - Chapter 6 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 7: October 6 - October 12, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 7: Social Process Theory
 - Chapter 7 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 8: October 13 - October 19, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 8: Social Conflict, Critical Criminology, and Restorative Justice
 - Chapter 8 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 9: October 20 - October 26, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 9: Developmental Theories: Life Course, Latent Trait, and Trajectory
 - Chapter 9 Quiz due Sunday night

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- **Week 10: October 27 - November 2, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 10: Interpersonal Violence
 - Chapter 10 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 11: November 3 - November 9, 2025**
 - Monday, November 3: Last Day to Withdraw from one or more 15-Week courses
 - Siegel, Chapter 11: Political Crime and Terrorism
 - Chapter 11 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 12: November 10 - November 16, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 12: Economic Crimes: Blue-Collar, White-Collar, and Green-Collar
 - Chapter 12 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 13: November 17 - November 23, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 13: Public Order Crimes
 - Assignment: Reflection Paper due Sunday night
 - Chapter 13 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 14: November 24 - November 30, 2025**
 - Thanksgiving holidays for faculty and students
- **Week 15: December 1 - December 7, 2025**
 - Siegel, Chapter 14: Crimes of the New Millennium: Cybercrime and Transnational Organized Crime
 - Chapter 14 Quiz due Sunday night
- **Week 16: December 8 - December 12, 2025**
 - Final Exam