



**ADMJ/SOCI 10 CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY
4 UNITS – FALL 2024 DE ANZA COLLEGE**

WELCOME TO CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce you to the field of criminology, providing an overview of the issues involved in defining, measuring, and explaining crime. You will learn about the field of criminology, examine general characteristics of crime and criminals, review early and contemporary theories which attempt to explain criminal behavior, and discuss crime in the modern world.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Identify and describe the origins of the criminal justice system and the study of criminology.
2. Discuss and compare the biological, physical and sociological perspectives of criminology.
3. Examine and evaluate an individual's reaction to involvement in criminal behavior.
4. Explore and evaluate the ideological approaches to solving crime.
5. Discuss and explore practical aspects of the criminal justice system through instructor and guest lectures

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Analyze the historical nature and measurement of criminal behavior within society.
2. Identify and compare the biological, psychological, and sociological explanations of crime.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Criminology: A Brief Introduction, 5th edition by Frank Schmalleger [instructor will use this textbook]



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STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Need help with this course? Student Success Center peer tutors are ready for you!

- Link to <http://deanza.edu/studentsuccess/>.
- Join the SSC Resources Canvas site - <https://deanza.instructure.com/enroll/MAF7Y8>
- Link to SSC Welcome Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cHgTex-Rrlo>

•Tutoring: Go to the SSC homepage and click on the yellow link to join SSC Resources Canvas. Once there, click on Modules, then the SSC area for your course to see SSC Zoom tutoring links and schedules.

•Workshops, group tutoring and group study: See SSC Resources for current schedules and links. Most people learn better with others...give it a try!

•Support for online learning: Speak with a friendly peer tutor or SSC staff member about motivation and organization strategies for online classes. We get it and are going through the same things, so let's support each other!

•Need after-hours or weekend tutoring? See the Online Tutoring page for information about NetTutor (via Canvas) or Smarthinking (via MyPortal).

REPETITIVE COURSE WITH SUBSTANDARD GRADE

California Community College Board of Governors has revised Title 5 and will not fund students who persistently fail a course with a grade of D, F, No Pass (NP), No Credit (NC), or Withdraw (W).

ASSIGNMENTS/EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Quizzes (2 x 10 points each)	20 points
Midterm Examination	50 points
Final Examination	100 points



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Class Participation (judged by whether the student watches lectures, watches video and reads articles provided, etc.)	10 points
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GRADING SCALE

The below grading scale will be used to determine course grade.

A+= 180-175	B+ = 162-157	C+ = 144-136	D+ = 126-121	F = 108
A = 174-169	B = 156-151	C = 135-127	D = 120-115	
A- = 168-163	B- = 150-145	C- = N/A	D- = 114-109	

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Watch class lectures via Zoom.
2. Read assigned lecture notes, handouts, videos or articles and suggested resources as provided by the instructor prior to each class session.
3. Demonstrate a desire to participate and learn.
4. Successfully complete exams within deadlines given by instructor.

INSTRUCTOR

I have been a Deputy District Attorney with the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office since 1999, spending almost half of that time prosecuting gang homicide cases. I have prosecuted thousands of cases ranging from DUI and misdemeanors to general felonies, white collar crime, gang, and murder.



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In addition to teaching at De Anza, I teach at the San Jose Police Academy, the San Jose Police Department Community Service Officer Academy, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office and for the California District Attorneys Association (CDAA).

You may email me at alemamir@fhda.edu or aalem@dao.sccgov.org. For office hours, I will meet with you via Zoom at a time and date agreeable.

SCHEDULE

WEEK	CLASS TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT(S)
1 9/23/24	What is Criminology?	Review Syllabus; Read Chapter 1 Watch Criminal Behavior Video
2 9/30/24	Classical and Neoclassical Criminology; Early Biological Perspectives on Criminal Behavior; Guest Speaker – Lori Stuart	Read Chapters 2 & 3 Read Lessons in Unappealing Law Article
3 10/7/24	Biosocial and other Contemporary Perspectives; Psychological and Psychiatric Foundations of Criminal Behavior	Read Chapters 4 & 5 Watch TedxTalks video, Watch Death Penalty Video; Ready Waldroup Article
4 10/14/24	Social Structure; Social Process and Social Development Guest Speaker – Frank Carrubba	Read Chapters 6 & 7; Watch Genetics Video; Quiz #1 – multiple choice
5 10/21/24	Social Conflict and Emergent Theories	Read Chapter 8
6 10/28/24	Criminal Victimization; Crimes Against Persons; Guest Speaker – Kasey Halcon	Read Chapters 9 & 10; Watch Victimology, Victim Blaming Video; Watch Victims and Violent Offenders Video
7 11/4/24	Crimes Against Property; White-Collar and Organized Crime	Read Chapters 11 & 12; Watch Rationalizing Fraud Video;



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		Watch Crimes Against the Environment Video; Quiz #2 – multiple choice
8 11/11/24	Midterm Examination - No Class	Midterm Examination – multiple choice
9 11/18/24	Drug and Sex Crimes Guest Speaker – Tim McInerny	Read Chapter 13; Watch What is Rape & Cocaine Wars Videos;
10 11/25/24	SimSwapping Guest Speaker – Erin West	Read Chapter 14
11 12/2/24	Technology & Crime; Globalization & Terrorism Guest Speaker – Patrick Vanier	Read Chapter 15; Watch Origins of Human Trafficking Video; Watch Solution to End Human Trafficking Video
12 12/9/24	No Class	Final Examination – essay and multiple choice