

# Imperial Valley College

## Administration of Justice

### Course Syllabus

#### **COURSE NO.**

AJ 224 (CRN 20424) /SOC 224 (CRN 20245)

#### **COURSE TITLE**

Criminology

#### **INSTRUCTOR**

Edward Wells - Room 211

Office: Room 209 Phone: (760) 355-6279

Office Hours: T/W/R 5:30 - 6:30pm

#### **TEXTBOOKS**

Criminology, A Brief Introduction,

By Frank Schmalleger, Pearson Publishing 2011

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#### **TERM**

Spring 2014

#### **UNITS**

3

#### **CLASS TIMES**

Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 - 2:55pm

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

An in-depth study of the nature of crime, the measurement and research of crime, the extent of crime, major theories of crime causation, criminal typologies, criminal justice system response to crime, and societal reaction to crime.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES (SLO's)**

Students will be able to:

1. Explain what criminology is and how it can be used in determining crime causations.
2. Explain the differences between the following sub-categories:  
Classical vs. Neoclassical  
Biological vs. Psychological/Psychiatric  
Social Structure vs. Social Process  
Social Development vs. Social Conflict
3. Explain the differences between the following types of crimes:  
Crimes against People  
Crimes against Property  
White Collar Crimes  
Organized Crime  
Public Order Crime  
Drug and Vice Crime  
Technology Crime  
Terrorism

4. Understand the Constitution and its role in the development of our laws and how those laws effect how we deal with crime in our society.

### GRADING PROCEDURE:

Total Points: 500

**Tests:** Four tests at 50 points each = 200 points

**Group Project and Presentation:** 10 minute Presentation = 50 points

**Term Paper:** (Topic Approved by Instructor) = 50 Points

**Final Exam** = 100 Points

**Class attendance and participation in discussion, groups or activities** = 100 Points

**Bonus Activity:** (Questions, Projects, Activities) = 50 Points

**A = 450-500    B = 400-449    C = 350-399    D = 300-349    F = 0-299**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Assignments are due on the date stated on the syllabus. Late assignments are subject to reduction of points. Make every effort to turn in assignments on time or you may receive a zero for that assignment.

Failure to take an exam will result in a zero for that exam unless prior approval is given by the instructor. Exams will be thirty minutes long and will be given at the start of class. If you are late to class, you will not be given extra time to take the exam. Bring a No. 2 Pencil and Scantron form to class on exam days.

You must communicate to your instructor any problems that you are having with the course.

**ATTENDANCE:** One of the institutional learning outcomes at IVC is personal responsibility. You will be expected to demonstrate personal responsibility by attending class, showing up on time, and not leaving early. You will be allowed two absences from class before the drop deadline. Do not assume you will be dropped for non-attendance. Missing more than half a class session will count as a full absence. *(It remains your responsibility to drop yourself from all courses that you no longer attend, or you risk getting a failing grade on your transcript.)* Refer to page 15 of your Fall 2012 on-line catalogue for "ATTENDANCE AND AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS"; **you** are RESPONSIBLE!

**ACADEMIC ETHICS:** Cheating is defined as copying answers from another student on an exam or assignment, allowing another student to copy answers from you, turning in work as your won that someone else did for you, working with another student on an assignment with the instructor's express consent, or turning in a writing assignment that uses another's words or ideas without crediting the source of the words or ideas.

**PLAGIRISM will not be tolerated!** If a student uses the words or ideas of another person without giving that person credit, the student is committing an act of plagiarism.

**CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!** Anyone caught cheating will get a zero for the assignment or exam and may be dropped from the class with the grade of **"F"**.

**PARTICIPATION:** Every student is expected to participate in class discussion each week. This includes punctuality, contributions, personal opinions, group efforts if assigned and discussion of issues relating to the current assignment of the class. Newspaper article discussions on how local crime impacts our community, state and federal levels.

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:** Any conduct that disrupts the learning process cannot be tolerated. Anyone engaging in such conduct will be asked to leave the classroom. Talking, whispering, loud yawning, and cell phones ringing during class are examples of disruptive behavior because such actions are disrespectful and distracting to the instructor and to other students. Respect your fellow students and instructors at all times. **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHILE IN CLASS!**

**NOTICE:** Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP & S) Office as soon as possible. [SDP&S, Health Sciences Building 2100, Phone: (760) 355-6312]

**AJ 224 & SOC 224 Criminology**  
(Tuesday & Thursday 1:30 to 2:55 pm)

**Class Schedule:**

| Week | Date    | Topic  |
|------|---------|--|
| 1    | 21 & 23 | Introduction. Chapter 1: What is Criminology?  |
| 2    | 28 & 30 | Chapter 2: Classical Criminology & Neoclassical Criminology                              |
| 3    | 4 & 6   | Multimedia Presentation  |
| 4    | 11 & 13 | <u>Chapter 3: Biological Roots of Criminal Behavior</u>                                  |
| 5    | 18 & 20 | Chapter 4: Psychological and Psychiatric Foundations of Criminal Behavior <b>Test #1</b> |
| 6    | 25 & 27 | Chapter 5: Social Structure  |
| 7    | 4 & 6   | Chapter 6: Social Process and Social Development   |
| 8    | 11 & 13 | Chapter 7: Social Conflict <b>Test #2</b>  |
| 9    | 18 & 20 | Chapter 8: Crimes Against Persons  |
| 10   | 25 & 27 | Chapter 9: Crimes Against Property   |
| 11   | 1 & 3   | Chapter 10: White-Collar and Organized Crime <b>Test #3</b>                              |
| 12   | 8 & 10  | Chapter 11 & 12: Public Order & Drug Crimes/Technology and Crime                         |
| 13   | 15 & 17 | Chapter 12 & 13: Technology and Crime & Globalization and Terrorism <b>Test #4</b>       |
| 14   | 22 & 24 | <b>Spring Break – No Classes</b>   |
| 15   | 29 & 1  | Project Presentation   |
| 16   | 6 & 8   | Project Presentation   |
| 17   | 13 & 15 | <b>Final Exam. Term Paper Due.</b>   |