



Sexual Deviance and Crime

Course Syllabus

The course offers a comprehensive survey of sex offenders and offenses, and includes coverage of the psychological profiling of sex offenders, the often-ritualistic crimes they commit, and the effect their actions have on victims. This course is intended to engage students' interest with a unique approach to sex crimes, deviance, and criminal behavior theory and analysis.

The course will introduce students to specific approaches and challenges unique to the study of sex crimes. Students will apply these lessons through assignments and class exercises.



Instructor Information:

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Course Text: *Sexual Deviance, Theory Assessment and Treatment*, (2008) by Richard Laws and William O'Donohue. Guilford Press. ISBN 1593856059

Course ELMS Site:

www.elms.umd.edu

Communicating with the Instructor

Outside of class, the best way to reach the instructor is by email, at lhm14@umd.edu. In an emergency, the student may contact the program and ask that a message be delivered to the instructor. In the event of inclement weather or cancellation of class for another reason, a notice will be placed on the class website at least four hours before class. Students are advised to check the website before traveling to the campus.

Absences

For every medically necessary absence from class (lecture, recitation, or lab), a reasonable effort should be made to notify the instructor in advance of the class. When returning to class, students must bring a note identifying the date of and reason for the absence, and acknowledging that the information in the note is accurate. If a student is absent more than 2 time(s), the instructor may require documentation signed by a health care professional. If a student is absent on days when tests are scheduled or papers are due [or other such events as specified in the syllabus] he or she is required to notify the instructor in advance, and upon returning to class, bring documentation of the illness, signed by a health care professional.

Examinations

There will be three online assessments to assess your mastery of the material. These assessments will be taken through the course's ELMS site. Please check the course schedule (below) carefully. Each assessment will constitute 10% of your final grade.

Written Assignments

Media articles, government publications, and other reports provide an excellent resource to familiarize criminal justice professionals with relevant, timely issues in sexual deviance. Students will complete a variety of written assignments online through the course website. These assignments will require students to read the required text, attend classroom lectures, and analyze periodically assignment articles and policies in order to complete. These assignments will constitute 50% of the course final grade.

Discussion Boards

Students will participate in online asynchronous discussion on various topics during the course. Check each week's module to see if an online discussion is scheduled. You are expected to post a well-developed, original contribution to this discussion, and reply thoughtfully and respectfully to at least two other students' posts. Discussion boards will constitute 20% of the course final grade.

Statement Regarding Students with Disabilities

The University provides accommodations for students with disabilities. The campus's Disability Support Service Office (DSS) works with students and faculty to address a variety of issues ranging from test anxiety to physical and psychological disabilities. If a student has a disability, DSS should be consulted (4-7682 or dissup@umd.edu). Note that to receive accommodations, students must first have their disabilities documented by DSS. The office then prepares an Accommodation Letter for course instructors regarding needed accommodations. Students are responsible for presenting this letter to their instructors by the end of the drop/add period.

Learning Assistance Service

The University provides assistance to students who are having difficulty with writing, analysis of readings, or other issues. An appointment can be scheduled for assistance here:

<http://www.counseling.umd.edu/LAS/>

Academic Integrity:

The student-administered Honor Code and Honor Pledge prohibits students from cheating on exams, plagiarizing papers, submitting the same paper for credit in two courses without authorization, buying papers, submitting fraudulent documents and forging signatures. On every examination, paper or other academic exercise not specifically exempted by the instructor, students must write by hand and sign the following pledge:

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).

Notice of Copyright

Students may not copy and distribute such materials except for personal use and with the instructor's permission.

Course Schedule

The course will run from January 28th to May 14th (14 weeks).

It is very important for students to monitor their progress in this course. A good way to do this is to work through the course modules. The course is structured with a module for each week; in other words, you should be able to go into the module for that week of the course on Monday, and see what assignments need to be completed for that week.

Class	Date	Topic	Readings, Etc.
1	1/30	Course Intro	Law and O'Donohue Chapter 1 Other Readings as Assigned
2	2/6	Human Sexuality	Law and O'Donohue Chapter 2
3	2/13	Theories of Deviance	Posted Online
4	2/20	Models of Criminogenesis	Laws and O'Donohue Chapter 3 Other Readings as Assigned
5	2/27	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT
6	3/6	Voyeurism	Laws and O'Donohue, Chapter 18 Other Readings as Assigned
7	3/13	Exhibitionism	Laws and O'Donohue, Chapter 4 Other Readings as Assigned
8	3/20	SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES	SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES
9	3/27	Child Sex Rings	Posted Online
10	4/3	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT
11	4/10	Sexual Homicide	Posted Online
12	4/17	Rape	Laws and O'Donohue, Chapters 20 and 12 Other Readings as Assigned
13	4/24	Auto-Erotic Asphyxiation	Posted Online
14	5/1	ASSESSMENT	ASSESSMENT
15	5/8	Course Wrap Up	Laws and O'Donohue Chapter 30 Other Readings as Assigned

*Some documents will be provided electronically by your instructor. Check the ELMS module for each week of the course for readings not contained in your textbook.