COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course, there will be detailed coverage of the elements and foundations of scientific theory, most sociological and/or social-psychological theories of crime, and recent developments in criminological theory. The course will not cover biological or economic theories of crime, feminist or critical race perspectives since these theoretical approaches are emphasized in other courses offered in the graduate curriculum.

Below is a list of courses in which these other theories and perspectives are covered.

Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJS 657)
Crime in the Life Course (CCJS 699J)
Drugs and Crime (CCJS 680)
Gender and Crime (CCJS 660)
Labor Markets and Crime (CCJS 699B)
Psychology of Crime and Justice (CCJS 699P)
Race and Crime (CCJS 670)

Course Prerequisites

It is assumed that students will have taken Introduction to Criminology (CCJS 651) or a comparable MA-level course in criminological theory.

Course Grading

There will be two essay examinations in this course. The first examination is on October 18th and 23rd (two days) and the second is on December 6th and 11th (again, two days). Each exam will cover only new material and each will count 50% toward your final course grade. The two exams must be taken on the assigned day, so plan accordingly. If there are circumstances that preclude you from taking the exam on that day I must be notified in advance.

Readings

There are required readings for each week of the class. In addition to this required reading every student will be assigned additional readings. These additional readings will be the focus of class discussion and the student responsible for that reading will be expected to do two things: (1) have a typed review of their reading, and (2) lead the
class discussion and engage me in an exploration/criticism of the reading. If you are given this additional reading you must have it read and prepared for the assigned class. Students will be expected to know this material for the examination. In addition to this, the syllabus will provide a more extensive collection of readings that serious students of criminological theory will want to read.

COURSE SCHEDULE AND READING LIST

**August 30th & September 4th**
Theory: The Components of Theory, Theory Testing and Theoretical Development

Required Readings
Take your pick, but one (1) of these is required.

Walter Wallace
The Logic of Science in Sociology

Paul D. Reynolds
A Primer in Theory Construction

Techniques and Problems of Theory Construction in Sociology
Jerald Hage

On Theory and Verification in Sociology
Hans Zetterberg

Other Required Readings

Ellis, Desmond

Bernard, Thomas J. and Jeffrey B. Snipes

Steven F. Messner, Marvin D. Krohn, and Allen E. Liska

King, Gary
Lehrer, Jonah  
2010  The Truth Wears Off. Article in the December 13, 2010 issue of the New Yorker. Available online at  

Ioannidias, John P.A.  
Available online at:  

Locke, John  

Descartes, Rene  
**September 9th and 11th**

Criminological Theory: Classical vs. Positive School and A Timeline of Criminological Theory

Required Readings
Beccaria, Cesare

Matza, David

Beirne, Piers

Rafter, Nicole


Lindesmith, Alfred and Yale Levin

Read at least One (1) of the following dialogs of Plato:
- Meno
- Charmides
- The Apology
- The Euthyphro
- The Crito
- Phaedo

Optional, but read sometime in your graduate career
Hobbes, Thomas

Rousseau, Jean-Jacques

Locke, John
1690   *The Second Treatise of Civil Government*.
September 13th and 18th

Deterrence Theory

Gibbs, Jack

Tittle, Charles

Chiricos, Theodore G. and Gordon P. Waldo

Waldo, Gordon P. and Theodore G. Chiricos

Logan, Charles H.

Geerken, Michael R. and Walter R. Gove

Erickson, Maynard, Jack P. Gibbs, and Gary F. Jensen

Jensen, Gary F., Jack P. Gibbs, and Maynard Erickson

Saltzman, Linda, Raymond Paternoster, Gordon P. Waldo and Theodore G. Chiricos

Paternoster, Raymond, Linda E. Saltzman, Gordon P. Waldo, and Theodore G. Chiricos

Nagin, Daniel and Raymond Paternoster

Loewenstein, George, Daniel Nagin and Ray Paternoster
Pogarsky, Greg  
2002  Identifying deterrable offenders: Implications for research on deterrence.  
Justice Quarterly 19:431-452.

Pogarsky, Greg and Alex Piquero  
2003  Can punishment encourage offending?: Investigating the resetting effect.  

Loughran, Thomas A., Greg Pogarsky, Alex R. Piquero, and Ray Paternoster. 2010  

Loughran, Thomas A., Ray Paternoster, Greg Pogarsky, and Alex R. Piquero 2010  

Reviews of the Deterrence Literature

Paternoster, Raymond  

Nagin, Daniel S.  

Chapter 13 of Taking Stock.
September 20th and 25th
Rational Choice and Routine Activities Theory

Felson, Marcus

Cornish, Derek B., and Ronald V. Clarke

Cohen, Lawrence E. and Marcus Felson

Cohen, Lawrence E., Kenneth, James R. Kluegel and Kenneth C. Land

Miethe, Terance D., Mark C. Stafford, and J. Scott Long

Osgood, D. Wayne, Janet K. Wilson, Patrick O’Malley, Jerald Bachman, and Lloyed Johnston

Osgood, D. Wayne and Amy L. Anderson

Bachman, Ronet, Ray Paternoster and Sally Ward

Nagin, Daniel and Raymond Paternoster
September 27th and October 2nd

Social Disorganization Theory
Park, Robert E.


Shaw, Clifford and Henry McKay

Shaw, Clifford

Ogburn, William

Bursik, Robert Jr., and Harold Grasmick

Skogan, Wesley G.

Bursik, Robert J.


Sampson, Robert J., Stephen W. Raudenbush and Felton Earls

Bellair Paul E.

Morenoff, Jeffrey D., Robert J. Sampson, and Stephen W. Raudenbush

Sampson, Robert and W. Byron Groves

Sampson, Robert J., Jeffrey D. Morenoff, and Thomas Gannon-Rowley

Charis E. Kubrin and Roland Weitzer

Silver, Eric and Lisa L. Miller

Lowenkamp, Christopher T., Francis T. Cullen and Travis C. Pratt

Bellair, Paul E. and Christopher R. Browning

Chapter 5 of Taking Stock.
October 4th and 9th
Social Control Theory
Reiss, Albert J.

Toby, Jackson

Briar, Scott and Irving Piliavin

Hirschi, Travis

Hindelang, Michael J.

Agnew, Robert

Agnew, Robert

Kempf, Kimberly L.

Krohn, Marvin D. and James L. Massey

Laub, John H. and Robert J. Sampson
Sampson, Robert J. and John H. Laub


Chapter 11 of Taking Stock

Read Either one Freud book or Plato
Freud
* Totem and Taboo
* Civilization and Its Discontents
* The Future of An Illusion
* The Ego and the Id
* Introductory Lectures on PsychoAnalysis

Plato *The Republic*
October 11th and 16th
Self-Control Theory

Gottfredson, Michael and Travis Hirschi

Evans, T. David, Francis T. Cullen, and Velmer S. Burton, Jr., R. Gregory Dunaway, and Michael L. Benson

Grasmick, Harold G., Charles R. Tittle, Robert J. Bursik, Jr., and Bruce K. Arneklev

Hirschi, Travis and Michael R. Gottfredson

Longshore, Douglas

Pratt, Travis C. and Francis T. Cullen

Taylor, Claire

Burt, Callie Harbin, Ronald L. Simons, and Leslie G. Simons

Chapter 2 of Taking Stock
OCTOBER 18TH and 23rd FIRST EXAM
October 25th and 30th
Strain Theory Part I: Traditional Strain Theory

Cohen, Albert

Cloward Richard A. and Lloyd E. Ohlin

Merton, Robert

Farnworth, Margaret and Michael J. Lieber

Burton, Velmer S. Jr., Francis T. Cullen, T. David Evans, and R. Gregory Dunaway

Cullen, Francis and Steven Messner

Baumer, Eric P.
2007 Untangling research puzzles in Merton’s multilevel anomie theory. Theoretical Criminology 11:63-93.
November 1st and 6th
Strain Theory Part 2: General Strain Theory and Institutional Strain Theory

Agnew, Robert

Messner, Steven and Richard Rosenfeld

Agnew, Robert and Helene White

Agnew, Robert
2001 Building on the foundation of general strain theory: Specifying the types of strain most likely to lead to crime and delinquency. Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency 38:319-361.

Paternoster, Raymond and Paul Mazerolle

Brezina, Timothy

Brezina, Timothy, Alex Piquero and Paul Mazerolle

Baron, Stephen

Slocum, Lee Ann, Sally S. Simpson and Douglas A. Smith

Chamblin, Mitchell and John K. Cochran

Messner, Steven F. and Richard Rosenfeld

Jensen, Gary

Maume, Michael O, and Matthew R. Lee

Chamblin, Mitchell and John K. Cochran

Chapters 3 & 4 of Taking Stock
**November 8th and 13th**
Differential Association Theory and Social Learning Theory

Akers, Ronald  

Warr, Mark  

Akers, Ronald L., Marvin D. Krohn, Lonn Lanze-Kaduce, and Marcia Radoscevich  

Wood, Peter B., Walter R. Gove, James A. Wilson, and John K. Cochran  

Laub, John H.  

Krohn, Marvin  

Matsueda, Ross L. and Karen Heimer  

McGloin, J.M.  

McGloin, J.M. & Stickle, W.P.  
2010 Influence or convenience? Rethinking the role of peers or chronic offenders. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency.*

Matsueda, Ross L.  

Warr, Mark and Mark Stafford  
Costello, Barbara J. and Paul R. Vowell

Gordon, Rachel A., Benjamin B. Lahey, Eriko Kawai, Rolf Loeber & Magda Stouthamer-Loeber, David P. Farrington

Haynie, Dana L.

Kreager, Derek A.

Haynie, Dana L. and D. Wayne Osgood

Chapter 1 of Taking Stock
November 15th and 20th
Subcultural Theory

Read one of two of the following:

Elijah, Anderson

Nisbett, Richard E. and Dov Cohen

Sullivan, Mercer

Willis, Paul

Matza, David

Required Reading

Wirth, Louis

Akers, Ronald L.

Hirschi, Travis

Costello, Barbara J.

Matsueda, Ross

Kreager, Derek A.
November 27th and 29th
Labeling Theory, Shame Theory, Defiance Theory and Procedural Justice Theory

Becker, Howard

Schur, Edwin

Braithwaite, John

Tyler, Tom

Farrington, David

Wellford, Charles

Paternoster, Raymond and Leeann Iovanni

Matsueda, Ross

Charles F. Wellford and Ruth A. Triplett

Toni Makkai and John Braithwaite

Mitchell B. Chamlin and John K. Cochran
Carter Hay
1998 Parental sanctions and delinquent behavior: Toward a Clarification of Braithwaite’s theory of reintegrative shaming *Theoretical Criminology* 2: 419-443.


Lening Zhang and Sheldon Zhang

Chapter 14 of Taking Stock

**December 4th**
Catch up and Wind up day – final thoughts on criminological theory.

**December 6th & 11th** Second Examination