

Criminology

Course Description:

The main aim of this course is to introduce the student to the field of Criminology. The subjects covered can be roughly divided into two broad categories. First: Criminological research and theoretical explanations, determining both what constitutes crime in society, in addition to the causes of crime, are explored and discussed. For this task, various perspectives are analysed and evaluated, such as classical and positivist theories. Second: Four specific types of crime are closely analysed in terms of their nature and impact in society, theoretical explanations and finally their control. Violence including sexual crimes, drug crimes and economic crime will be specifically included for this purpose.

Main text: Siegel, L. (2016). *Criminology: Theories, Patterns and Typologies*, 12th Edition. Cengage. Selected chapters.

Other articles announced later.

Course evaluation:

Students write a portfolio (diary) about the topics of the lectures. This is not supposed to be a summary of the issues presented in class. Own reflections and personal observations about the subject matter are welcome and encouraged. Students are expected to submit a half to one-page per lecture for a total of three lecture sessions (1/3 of the final grade).

Final examination based on class presentations and reading material (2/3 of final grade)