

COURSE OUTLINE

DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

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COURSE OBJECTIVES: To gain a general understanding of the causes and consequences of deviation in the American social system. Examining the characteristics of certain deviant types and processes of becoming deviant pursues these understandings.

TEXT: Charles H. McCaghy, Timothy A. Capron and J. D. Jamieson, *Deviant Behavior* (6th edition) Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

EXAMINATIONS: Minimally, four (4) subjective type (essay) test including approximately, ten (10) items. Each examination is final over material covered since the previous quiz. That is to say, once tested the student is no longer responsible for this unit of material.

TERM ASSIGNMENT: An original research dealing with a deviant type of individual (armed robber, drug dealer, prostitute, alcoholic, drug addict, etc.) or a deviant venue (crack house, the streets, houses of prostitution, bars and public places that cater to individuals with differing sexual orientations, etc.). When you have decided on a topic you are expected to find twelve (12) **research articles** dealing with it (a good place to begin your search for articles is with the list of references found at the end of each chapter of your text). **If you have questions about the appropriateness of your sources, please discuss this with me.** Using Sociological Abstracts, a data base found on the web-page of the Monroe Library (main university library) begin your search for the articles. In order to avoid collecting articles that are redundant in content, your twelve articles should be divided into three general categories. About one-third of your selections should explore the topic conceptually. For example, you need to know precisely what the concept alcoholic means before you proceed to identify the context within which it is manifest. The next one-third of your selections should look at the topic analytically and comparatively. For example, what are the elements of social situations that produce alcoholism (analysis) and what social situations do not (comparison). The final third of your selections should look at application. For example, what has been practically tried to reduce alcoholic behavior in certain social situations. The articles you select, but not precisely four for each area should cover all of these areas.

Your assignment is to abstract the articles you have collected. Your abstracts should be accomplished in one page (approximately 250 words). The abstract of the article must follow the following outline.

a. **Citation:** (this appears at the top of the page) author, title of article; title of publication; volume, number, pages, date of publication.

b. **Thesis:** Theme or problem addressed in the article. In no more than three sentences, "what is the article about?"

c. **Previous Research:** How has the thesis, theme or problem been addressed in the past? In three sentences, "How has the problem, etc., been studied before?" In some instances, where appropriate, this section may deal with the nature and extent of the problem.

d. **Research Methodology:** How does the present author propose to study the problem? In three sentences discuss the methodology and research techniques employed by the author. Where appropriate, this section may deal with proposals for solving the problem.

e. **Findings:** What are the results of the author's study? In three sentences summarize the findings (results) of the article. Where appropriate, this might include recommendations for a course of action base on the results.

f. **Conclusions:** Summarize the conclusions drawn by the author. What implications does the author see from the results of the research reported in the article? In no more than three sentences sum up the article.

g. **Critique:** (Optional) What were the strengths (weaknesses) of the article from the point of view conceptualizing the problem, designing the approach, analyzing the results, drawing conclusions and discussing the implications.

After you have completed your abstracts, put the material aside and compose a brief essay (equivalent 2 pages double-spaced) answering the question, "What did I find out about _____?"

CLASS ATTENDANCE: Class attendance is required and rewarded.

Course Policies: Attendance is expected for all classes. If you must be absent, it is your responsibility to keep up with the progress of the course. A late term assignment (by one day or one year) will result in an automatic 10% reduction in the grade for that assignment. Make-up examinations are given only under extraordinary circumstances. Please make every effort to take the examinations when they are scheduled. **The make-up is always more difficult than the regularly scheduled examination.**

GRADING:

Examinations----- 60%

Term Assignment -----30%

Class Attendance
and Participation ----- 10%

Grading Scale: 93-100= A; 88-92= B+; 83-87= B; 78-82= C+;
73-77=C; 68-72=D+; 63-67=D; 62 and below=F.

Assignments and Lectures: I have provided an outline for each of your lectures in this course with space provided for your notes (if any). You will find it useful to have read the assigned material before coming to class.

Aug. 19th, 2003

**Course Orientation
Perspectives on Deviant Behavior I
Assignment: Chapter 1.**

Introductory Remarks

University Research Resources

Who/What is Deviant

The Classical Approach to Deviance

The Positivist Approach to Deviance

The Problem with a Sociobiology of Deviance

August 26th, 2003 Professor is out, your assignment has been e-mailed to you.

**Perspectives on Deviance II
Chapter 2 and 3,**

Economic Influences

Social Disorganization/Anomie

Subcultures of Deviance

Control Theories

Ecological Approaches

Why is Certain Behavior Deviant?

Labeling Perspective

Conflict Perspective

Once Again: What is Deviant?

Interest Group Conflict and Deviance

September 2nd, 2003

(Your e-mailed assignment must be turned in)

**Crimes against the Person
Assignment: Chapter 4.**

The Problems of Measuring Crime

Murder and Aggravated Assault

Garden Variety Murder

Serial, Multiple, Wanton Murder

Forcible Rape

**Crimes against Property
Assignment: Chapter 5.**

Robbery

Burglary

Motor Vehicle Theft

Larceny - Theft

Arson

The rip-off Philosophy

September 9th
(1st exam covering chap. 4 &5)

Child and Spouse Abuse
Assignment: Chapter 6.

Physical Abuse of Children

Spouse Abuse

Sexual Abuse of Children

Elderly Abuse: A problem or "trend story"?

Deviance in Organizations
Assignment: Chapter 7

Employee Theft

Police Corruption and the problem of Abuse of Power

Corporate Deviance

Organized Crime

September 16th

**Deviant Drug Use I: Alcohol
Assignment: Chapter 8.**

Deviant Drug Use: General Considerations

Alcohol as a Drug

Alcohol Use, Deviance and Conflict

Problem Drinking vs. Alcoholism

Deviant Drug Use II: Other Drugs
Assignment: Chapter 8.

Opium, Opium Alkaloids, and Synthetics

Drug Dependence: Non-narcotic agents

Control and Treatment?

September 23rd
(2nd Examination during the first 30 minutes of class)

Mental Disorders I
Assignment: Chapter 9.

What is Mental Disorder?

Correlates of Mental Disorder

Disease or Label?

Mental Illness and the Law

Psychotic Disorders: Schizophrenia and Deviant Behavior

Psychotic Disorders: Major Affective Disorders and Deviant Behavior

Personality Disorders: Antisocial Personality and Deviant Behavior

Suicide

September 30th

**Sexual Deviance
Assignment: Chapter 10**

Prostitution

Homosexuality

Other Forms of Sexual Deviance

October 7th

Summing Up
(3rd examination during the final thirty minutes of class)
