**Syllabus: Fall 2017**

Northern Virginia Community College

Course Name: Survey of Criminology

Course Number: ADJ 107

Section Number: 060A-#19516

Meeting Times: Friday 10:00 pm – 12:40 pm

Meeting Location: Bisdorf/AA-442

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**This syllabus is a guide. The instructor reserves the right to make changes as needed.**

**Course Description**

Surveys the volume and scope of crime; considers a variety of theories developed to explain the causation of crime and criminality. Lecture.

**Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- differentiate between the different types of crime (such as organized crime, white collar crime,

juvenile crime and property crime)

- show the impact of crime on victims, private business, and government institutions

- Describe role of the criminal justice agencies and the citizenry in combating the crime threat

**Required Text**

Schmalleger, Frank (2017). *Criminology Today an Intergrative Introduction: Eighth Edition*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Educaton.

**Course Method and Related Notes**

Interactive lecture, facilitating active learning, is the primary course method utilized. Certain class sessions may/will be supplemented with guest speakers additional handouts, readings, take home assignments, audio visuals and workshop exercises.

# Course Requirements and Grading

* Four Examinations (300 points – lowest grade dropped)
* Attendance (50 points)
* Written paper (100 points)
* Extra Credit (10 points) - complete course evaluation
* **If a class cancelled, check Blackboard for assignment/grading information.**

**Grading Scale**

100%-90% - A 69%-60% - D

89%-80 – B Below 60 – F 79%-70% - C

**Description of Course Requirements**

**Examinations**

There will be four examinations. **I will drop the lowest test grade.** Examinations may consist of true/false, multiple choice, fill-in the blank and essay questions. There will be a maximum of 50 questions per examination and the examination will cover materials presented during lectures and from the textbook. **Study guides will be provided.**

There will be absolutely no make–up or early exams. Failure to take the exam when scheduled will result in the grade of “0” for the missed exam. That missed exam will constitute the “dropped” exam.

***There will be no other opportunity for extra credit assignments so it is important that you satisfy the stated requirements.***

**Attendance**

**Any student not attending the first 3 classes will be dropped from the course by the instructor. Any student who misses more than 5 classes will be dropped by the instructor. Please notify the instructor with any special circumstances.**

Attendance for each class is required. Fifty points ofyour final grade is based on your attendance. Each missed class will result in a four (4) point deduction from the attendance grade (50 points).

Attendance for each class is required. I usually take attendance at the beginning and end of each class. Each half of class is worth 2 points. If you are late, or leave early you will lose 2 points. I will make a determination for any attendance points earned each class.

Read the textbook before class, and be prepared to ask and answer questions. If you attend class and participate, there is good chance the 89 (B) will become a 90 (A).

**Policies and Procedures**

**Late Assignments – I will deduct 5 points each day the assignment is late.**

Classroom civility – students are expected to respect each other and the instructor. Students should not disrupt class by arriving late, leaving early and/or by unnecessary talking or use of electronic devices. Students may be asked to leave class for any disruptions.

**Should you choose to bring a laptop/tablet/smart phone to class it must only be used for course activities.**

When in class **please do not sleep**, write notes to each other, read newspapers, do homework for any class, listen to music, or engage in activity that may disturb others.

*Please turn your phone on vibrate!!*

**Academic Dishonesty:** Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class. Cheating includes dishonesty of any kind on tests or assignments. Plagiarism includes the failure to give credit to another’s work. Giving and taking unauthorized help on tests or assignments are both considered cheating. NOVA and I regard these as serious offenses. The minimum sanction for such behavior is an F or 0 on the assignment; the maximum sanction is dismissal from college. You may read the full policy on academic dishonesty in the Student Handbook.

**Fire/Emergency Evacuation Procedures**: The evacuation route is located on the wall next to the classroom door. Please familiarize yourself with this route. In case of an emergency, take all of your belongings with you when/if possible.

**Inclement Weather and Other Closing Information**: Please check NOVA’s website (www.nvcc.edu) for information about weather closings and if class is cancelled, check Blackboard for assignment information. Students are strongly encouraged to sign up for NOVA Alert: <https://alert.nvcc.edu/index.php?CCheck=1>.

**Special Accommodations**: Any student who thinks that he or she might need an accommodation based on a disability should make an appointment to see a Counselor for Disability Services (Bisdorf Room 194). You can also call 703-933-1840. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/disability-services/index.html>.

**\* Students are urged to contact the instructor with any special circumstances.**

**Office Hours:**

Room - Bisdorf #427

Monday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm and 3:35pm – 5:05 pm

Tuesday 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 5:30pm – 6pm

By Appointment only:

Thursday 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Schedule COURSE OF STUDY Topic / Reading**

**Date**

August 25 Course Orientation

September 1 What is Criminology Chapter 1

September 8 Where do Theories come from Chapters 2 and 3

Classical and Neoclassical Thought

September 15 Biological Perspectives Chapter 4

Review for Exam 1

September 22 Exam 1 Chapters 1-4 Biosocial Chapter 5

September 29 Psychological Chapter 6

October 6 Social Structure Chapter 7

Review for Exam 2

October 13 Exam 2 Chapters 5-7

Social Process Chapter 8

October 20 Social Conflict Chapter 9

October 27 Criminal Victimization Chapter 10

November 3 Crimes Against Persons Chapter 11

Review for Exam 3

November 10 Ice Man Video

Ice Man Written assignment distributed

November 17 Exam 3 Chapters 8 – 11

Crimes Against Property Chapter 12

November 24 Thanksgiving No Class

December 1 White Collar/ Organized Crime Chapter 13

Ice Man Written Assignment due

December 8

Drug and Sex Crimes Chapter 14

December 15 Exam 4 Chapters 12-14

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| 16-Week Session | |
| **Description** | **Date** |
| Last day to join class wait lists | August 8 |
| **Classes begin** | **August 21** |
| Last day to drop with a tuition refund or change to audit (census date)[\*\*](http://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/fall17.html#note2) | September 7 |
| Last day to withdraw without grade penalty[\*\*\*](http://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/fall17.html#note3) | October 31 |
| Examinations end | December 17 |

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| Labor Day holiday. College closed. | September 4 |
| Last day to apply for Fall graduation.[\*](https://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/fall17.html#note1) | October 1 |
| Professional development days for faculty. No classes for students. College offices open. | October 9-10 |
| No classes. College offices close at noon. | November 22 |
| Thanksgiving holiday. College closed. | November 23-24 |
| No classes. College offices closed. | November 25-26 |