**Syllabus: Spring 2017**

Northern Virginia Community College

Course Name: Survey of Criminology

Course Number: ADJ 107

Section Number: 001A-#15171

Meeting Times: Monday 12:30 pm – 3:20 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 (2015). *Criminology Today an Intergrative Introduction: Seventh 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)
* Ice Man paper (50 points)
* Extra Credit (5 points) - complete course evaluation
* **Late assignments – are not accepted**

**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 and Participation**

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.

I will withdraw any student who does not attend at least one of the first three classes of the semester. After the first three classes, if a student stops attending class and stops completing assignments and exams, I will not withdraw them from the course.

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**

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. 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.**

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Monday 3:35 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday 12:35 pm – 1:10 pm

By Appointment Only:

Monday: 10:30 am – 12:15 pm

Thursday 9:00 am – 12:15 pm

or see me before or after class for an appointment.

**COURSE OF STUDY**

**Date** **Topic / Reading**

January 9 Course Orientation Chapter 1

January 16 MLK Holiday No Class

January 23 Chapters 2 and 3

January 30 Chapter 4

Review for Exam 1

February 6 Exam 1 Chapters 1-4 and Chapter 5

February 13 Chapter 6

February 20 Chapter 7

Review for Exam 2

February 27 Exam 2 Chapters 5-7 and Chapter 8

March 6 Spring Break No Class

March 13 Chapter 9

March 20 Chapter 10

March 27 Chapter 11

Review for Exam 3

April 3 Exam 3 Chapters 8 – 11 and Chapter 12

April 10 Ice Man Video

Ice Man Written assignment distributed

April 17 Chapter 13

April 24 Ice Man Written Assignment due Chapter 14

May 1 Exam 4 Chapters 12-14

**IMPORTANT DATES**

January 16 MLK Holiday No Class

January 26 Last day to drop with a class with a tuition

refund or change to audit (Censusu date)

March 1 Last Day to apply for Spring Graduation

March 6-12 Spring Break No Class

March 21 Last Day to withdraw without a grade penalty

May 7 Exams end