**Syllabus: Spring 2018**

Northern Virginia Community College

Course Name: Survey of Criminology

Course Number: ADJ 107

Section Number: 001A-#23529

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 (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)
* In-Class Assignments (70 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.**

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

Thursday 4:00pm – 5:30pm

By Appointment only:

Monday 5:05pm – 6:05pm

Wednesday 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Thursday 9:30 am – 12:00pm

**or see me before/ after class.**

**Schedule COURSE OF STUDY Topic / Reading**

**Date**

January 15 Holiday – No class

January 22 Course Orientation

What is Criminology Chapter 1

January 29 Where do Theories come from Chapters 2 and 3

Classical and Neoclassical Thought

February 5 Biological Perspectives Chapter 4

Review for Exam 1

February 12 Exam 1 Chapters 1-4 Biosocial Chapter 5

February 19 Psychological Chapter 6

February 26 Social Structure Chapter 7

Review for Exam 2

March 5 Exam 2 Chapters 5-7

Social Process Chapter 8

March 12 No Class – Spring Break

March 19 Social Conflict Chapter 9

March 26 Criminal Victimization Chapter 10

April 2 Crimes Against Persons Chapter 11

Review for Exam 3

April 9 Ice Man Video

Ice Man Written assignment distributed

April 16 Exam 3 Chapters 8 – 11

Crimes Against Property Chapter 12

April 23 White Collar/ Organized Crime Chapter 13

Ice Man Written Assignment due

April 30 Drug and Sex Crimes Chapter 14

May 7 Exam 4 Chapters 12-14

**IMPORTANT DATES**

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| 16-Week Session |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday for students, faculty and staff. College offices closed. | January 15 |
| Parking enforcement on Student B Lots begins at 6:00 a.m. Students are not required to display a permit while parked in a B lot after 3:45 p.m. on weekdays or anytime on weekends. | January 30 |
| Last day to apply for Spring graduation. [\*](http://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/spring18.html#note1) | March 1 |
| Spring Break for teaching faculty and students. College offices open March 12-16. | March 12-18 |
| Memorial Day holiday for students, faculty and staff. College offices closed. | May 28 |

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| Last day to join class wait lists | December 28 |
| **Classes begin** | **January 10** |
| Last day to drop with a tuition refund or change to audit (census date)[\*\*](http://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/spring18.html#note2) | January 29 |
| Last day to withdraw without grade penalty[\*\*\*](http://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/academic/spring18.html#note3) | March 22 |
| Examinations end | May 8 |