**Syllabus: Spring 2021**

Northern Virginia Community College

Course Name: Survey of Criminology

Course Number: ADJ 107

Section Number: 001A-#12940

Meeting Times: Thursday 9:30am – 12:30pm

Meeting Location: Virtual

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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 (2020). *Criminology Today an Intergrative Introduction: Tenth Edition*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Educaton.

This is the Revel version. ISBN# 9780135778944.

Please ensure you have this version. This is an on-line platform that contains the textbook and access to the assignments you will complete. The paper copy will not allow access to the assignments. You will receive an access card.

**Course Method and Related Notes**

Interactive lecture, facilitating active learning, is the primary course method utilized.

# Course Requirements and Grading

* Revel Assignments (Depends on which chapters scores are dropped)
* Written Assignment (100 points – this grade can’t be dropped)
* Attendance/Participation (75 points)
* Complete Course Evaluation (10 points **Extra Credit**)
* **If a class cancelled, check Canvas 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**

**Assignments**

Pearson Revel Chapter Assignments. **I will drop the two lowest scores.** Each chapter’s point totals are different so the total points earned by each student could vary.

The assignments include reading, watching short videos and simulations. Short quizzes accompany the activities along with a chapter quiz. The chapters usually open to students 2-3 weeks before the due date.

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

**Attendance/Participation**

Attendance for each class is required. Sixty points ofyour final grade is based on your attendance and participation in the class. Each missed class will result in a five (5) point deduction from the attendance grade (75 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 2.5 points. If you are late, or leave early you will lose 2.5 points.

Read the textbook before class, and be prepared to ask and answer questions. If you attended class (no more than 2 absences), there is good chance the 89 (B) will become a 90 (A).

**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, may be dropped by the instructor. Please notify the instructor with any special circumstances.**

**Policies and Procedures**

**Late Assignments – NO late assignments accepted. Extraordinary circumstances will be considered at the instructor’s discretion. For example, sickness – provide an original written note from a doctor that you could not complete the scheduled activity, a Mass card or similar documentation of a death in the family, and a police case number for a car accident etc.**

**All use of any electronic device (including cell phones) is prohibited during class time unless approved by the instructor or IAP.**

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!!

***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. Students may be asked to leave class for any disruptions.*

**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: Virtual**

**Email me during the office hours and I will respond to your question/concern. Also, Zoom (if needed).**

Monday: 9:30am – 12:30pm and 3:45-4:45pm

Tuesday: 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Wednesday: 3:45pm – 4:45pm

Thursday: 12:45pm – 1:45pm

**Schedule COURSE OF STUDY Topic / Reading**

**Date**

January 14 Course Orientation

What is Criminology Chapter 1

January 21 Where do Theories come from Chapters 2

January 27 Pearson Revel Chapter 2 Due 11:59pm

January 28 Classical and Neoclassical Thought Chapter 3

February 3 Pearson Revel Chapter 3 Due 11:59pm

February 4 Biological Perspectives Chapter 4

February 10 Pearson Revel Chapter 4 Due 11:59pm

February 11 Biosocial Chapter 5

February 17 Pearson Revel Chapter 5 Due 11:59pm

February 18 Psychological Chapter 6

February 24 Pearson Revel Chapter 6 Due 11:59pm

February 25 Social Structure Chapter 7

March 3 Pearson Revel Chapter 7 Due 11:59pm

March 4 Social Process Chapter 8

March 11 Spring Break (No class)

March 17 Pearson Revel Chapter 8 Due 11:59pm

March 18 Criminal Victimization Chapter 10

March 25 Ice Man Video

Ice Man Written assignment distributed

March 31 Pearson Revel Chapter 10 Due 11:59pm

April 1 Crimes Against Persons Chapter 11

April 7 Pearson Revel Chapter 11 Due 11:59pm

April 8 Crimes Against Property Chapter 12

April 14 Pearson Revel Chapter 12 Due 11:59pm

April 15 White Collar/ Organized Crime Chapter 13

Ice Man Written Assignment due

April 21 Pearson Revel Chapter 13 Due 11:59pm

April 22 Globalization/Terrorism Chapter 16

April 29 Pearson Revel: Terrorism Chapter 16 Due 11:59pm

**Important Dates**

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| Martin Luther King Day Holiday observed for students, faculty and staff. College offices closed. | January 18 |
| Parking enforcement begins. | January 28 |
| Financial aid adjustments begin. Classes added on or after this date for the current term will not increase your eligibility for financial aid grants. Aid may be reduced for students enrolled in less than 12 eligible credits. Information on financial aid awards, disbursements and refunds is available here. | January 28 |
| Last day to apply for Spring graduation.\* | March 1 |
| Spring Break | March 8-14 |
| Second period to use (undisbursed) financial aid at the bookstore. | March 1-22 |
| [Final Exam Schedule](https://www.nvcc.edu/calendars/files/Spring2021-Final-Exam-Schedule.pdf) | April 27-May 3 |

15 Week

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| **Description** | **Date** |
| Last day to join class wait lists | December 29 |
| Classes begin | January 11 |
| Students may add or drop courses through NOVAConnect | January 11-17 |
| Last day to drop with a tuition refund or change to audit (census date)\*\* | January 27 |
| Last day to withdraw without grade penalty\*\*\* | March 19 |
| Examinations end | May 3 |

**For Students**

**Fall students have been informed about**[**NOVA's new computer requirement**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nvcc.edu%2Fadmissions%2F_files%2FStudent-Computer-Specifications.pdf&data=02%7C01%7Ciberinger%40nvcc.edu%7C490ea8b5665e46e69e2308d83b11630a%7C9f05c0e4988c48288359193b3485e731%7C0%7C0%7C637324293394973488&sdata=k68kOejW8gUEC%2BywZ0X5S6FoVX7xzdGuzVrhtXVqAOo%3D&reserved=0), which includes specifications that will support all proctoring options--and **students needing laptop loans can**[**login with their credentials**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2FNOVALaptopLoan&data=02%7C01%7Ciberinger%40nvcc.edu%7C490ea8b5665e46e69e2308d83b11630a%7C9f05c0e4988c48288359193b3485e731%7C0%7C0%7C637324293394973488&sdata=phhkJE44axCINJm0GypbuxCFIqc4S6VfDl1lFzrBZa4%3D&reserved=0)**to request one**.

**Advising**

Virtual Advising at [virtualadvising@nvcc.edu](mailto:virtualadvising@nvcc.edu) or chat at [www.nvcc.edu/virtualadvising](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.nvcc.edu%2Fvirtualadvising&data=02%7C01%7Ciberinger%40nvcc.edu%7Cbdefb65f1e824a21a08408d843687700%7C9f05c0e4988c48288359193b3485e731%7C0%7C0%7C637333463237782913&sdata=KwmAhLWgaut2uV3aho8z9QKj9q6GKKWAsklUGNS0IBE%3D&reserved=0); and that the College has established Virtual Registration Support (VRS).

**New Tuition Payment Plan Options**

NOVA now has[**two new tuition payment plan options**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nvcc.edu%2Fpayment%2Fplan.html&data=02%7C01%7Ciberinger%40nvcc.edu%7Ca9247df3319b4597992d08d8409521f8%7C9f05c0e4988c48288359193b3485e731%7C0%7C0%7C637330356712951043&sdata=tsYvTRCmhuTf0HC%2FpizjSbPj%2Be2q%2F1Jpctf2m1eQIVo%3D&reserved=0) for our students, monthly and bi-weekly, making college accessible and affordable for students and families. These options spread the cost of our tuition across the entire semester.

**CARES Act emergency aid is available for spring semester** [**https://www.nvcc.edu/studentemergencyaid/index.html**](https://www.nvcc.edu/studentemergencyaid/index.html)