Welcome to Sociology of Deviant Behavior

SOCI 0317-501

Description - Catalog

SOCI 0317 SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR (3) This is an upper-level course which will examine various social behaviors that are considered as "deviant".

Beginning with definitions of deviance, the course will progress to an examination of the extent of deviant behaviors, theories of the causes of deviant behavior, and the role of social control. There will be a rather broad range of specific behaviors considered, with an overall aim to provide students with a distinctly sociological frame of reference through which a fuller understanding of such behaviors may be gained. Policy implications will also be discussed.

Prerequisite: SOCI 0101.

This course will cover all aspects of deviance and deviant behavior from the sociological perspective.

Deviant Behavior covers a wide spectrum of theories of deviance, and analyzes numerous specific deviant behaviors. This course and the text uses an abundance of research data, including many that debunk our common assumptions about deviant behavior. You will be exposed to the full range of theories and data about deviance, and will be challenged to think about and evaluate your own biases and preconceptions.

Course Required Text
Deviant Behavior, 10/E
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This course uses and e book, you can either purchase the access code through the bookstore or online through the publisher. If you prefer to read a hard copy you can print the chapters or even purchase the text in hard copy. The e book is an in expensive option for purchasing the text.
You must have a text for this course we will be reading the book from cover to cover and there will be weekly quizzes and assignments based on the readings. I have copied chapter 1 so students will have time to get to the bookstore to purchase the books.

Purchase the text from the publisher
eText ISBN-10: 0-205-74153-3
Print ISBN-10: 0-205-69323-7

Topics to be examined in this course
Part One: Perspectives and Theories
Chapter 1: What Is Deviant Behavior?
Chapter 2: Positivist Theories
Chapter 3: Constructionist Theories
Part Two: Interpersonal Violence
Chapter 4: Physical Violence
Chapter 5: Rape and Child Molestation
Chapter 6: Family Violence
Part Three: Self-Destructive Deviance
Chapter 7: Suicide
Chapter 8: Mental Disorder
Part Four: Diverse Lifestyles
Chapter 9: Heterosexual Deviance
Chapter 10: Gays and Other Victims of Stigma
Part Five: Substance Use and Abuse
Chapter 11: Drug Use
Chapter 12: Drinking and Alcoholism
Part Six: Inequality in Deviance
Chapter 13: Privileged Deviance
Chapter 14: Underprivileged Deviance
Part Seven: Cyberspace: Wild Frontier
Chapter 15: Internet Deviance

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF UNITS WILL EXAMINE:
Part One: Perspectives and Theories
Chapter 1: What Is Deviant Behavior?
Conflicting Definitions
The Positivist Perspective
The Constructionist Perspective
An Integrated View
A Word about Deviance and Crime

Chapter 2: Positivist Theories
Anomie-Strain Theory
Social Learning Theory
Control Theory

Chapter 3: Constructionist Theories
Labeling Theory
Phenomenological Theory
Conflict Theory

Part Two: Interpersonal Violence

Chapter 4: Physical Violence
Assault and Aggravated Assault
Who Is More Likely to Kill?
Patterns of Killing
Characteristics of Homicide
Mass and Serial Murder
A Social Profile of Serial Killers
A Global Perspective on Homicide
School Violence
Stalking
Hate Killing
Genocide
Terrorism: The September 11 Attacks
Why Do People Kill?
Does the Death Penalty Deter Murder?

Chapter 5: Rape and Child Molestation
Patterns of Rape
Consequences of Rape
The Culture of Rape
A Global Perspective on Wartime Rape
Why Men Rape Women
Males as Victims
Child Molestation

Chapter 6: Family Violence
Myths about Family Violence
The Extent of Family Violence
Marital Rape
Wife Beating
Child Abuse
Elder Abuse
A Social Profile of Family Abusers
A Global Perspective on Family Violence
Theories of Family Violence
Social Responses to Family Violence

Part Three: Self-Destructive Deviance

Chapter 7: Suicide
Varieties of Suicidal Experiences
Groups with Higher Suicide Rates
A Social Profile of Suicide Bombers
Situational Factors in Suicide
A Global Perspective on Suicide
Social Responses to Suicide
Sociological Theories of Suicide

Chapter 8: Mental Disorder
Popular Beliefs
Types of Mental Disorder
Social Factors in Mental Disorder
A Global Perspective on Mental Disorder
Societal Responses to Mental Disorder
Perspectives on Mental Disorder

Part Four: Diverse Lifestyles

Chapter 9: Heterosexual Deviance
Teen Sex
Extramarital Sex
A Social Profile of Swingers
Pornography
Phone Sex
Nude Dancing
Sexual Harassment
The World of Prostitution
A Global Perspective on Prostitution
Theories of Prostitution

Chapter 10: Gays and Other Victims of Stigma
Myths about Homosexuality
Gays and Lesbians
Same-Sex Practices among Straights and Bisexuals
Homophobia
A Global Perspective on Homophobia
Other Victims of Social Stigma

Part Five: Substance Use and Abuse

Chapter 11: Drug Use
Drug Use in Perspective
Illegal Drugs: Their Effects and Users
Social Dimensions of Drug Use
Becoming a Drug User
A Social Profile of Illegal Drug Users
What Causes Illegal Drug Use?
The War on Drugs
Abusing Prescription Drugs, Particularly OxyContin
Smoking Cigarettes
A Global Perspective on Smoking
Chapter 12: Drinking and Alcoholism
The Extent of Drinking and Alcoholism
Myths about Alcohol Abuse
What Alcohol Does to Its Users
Social Factors in Drinking
A Global Perspective on Drinking
What Is Alcoholism?
Becoming an Alcoholic
College Students and Alcohol
Women and Alcohol
What Causes Alcoholism?
Controlling Alcohol Use and Abuse

Part Six: Inequality in Deviance
Chapter 13: Privileged Deviance
What Is White-Collar Deviance?
Corporate Deviance
A Social Profile of Corporate Crooks
Occupational Deviance
What Makes White-Collar Deviance Unique?
Causes of White-Collar Deviance
Governmental Deviance
A Global Perspective on Official Corruption
Official Ways of Neutralizing Deviance
Causes of Governmental Deviance

Chapter 14: Underprivileged Deviance
Robbery
Auto Theft and Carjacking
Burglary
Shoplifting
Organized Crime
A Global Perspective on Organized Crime

Part Seven: Cyberspace: Wild Frontier
Chapter 15: Internet Deviance
Seeking Easy Money Online
Searching Cyberspace for Sex
Expressing Hate Online
Disrupting Computer Networks
A Global Perspective on Cyberdeviance