# Course Information Page Spring 2015 CRJU0121-501 (31192): Theories of Crime

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### **\*** Course Description:

An exploration of prominent theories of crime causation, ranging from biological, psychological, sociological, and cultural explanations. Theories are compared and contrasted and implications are discussed as foundations for criminal justice system policy.

# Required Text:

Williams & McShane (2010). Criminological Theory (6<sup>th</sup> ed.).

## **Course Requirements:**

Students are required to read 1) the weekly lecture notes, 2) the weekly assigned textbook materials, and 3) complete the three graded elements for the course.

There are three graded elements for the course, and are as follows:

- Quiz (100 points)
  - There will be 10 quizzes associated with chapters in the textbook. Each quiz will be posted in each weekly folder.
- Test (300 points)
  - There will be 3 tests. Each test will cover materials from assigned readings, lecture notes, or/and assignments.
- Paper (100 points)
  - There will be one paper for this course, which will be approximately 5-7 double-spaced pages in length.

### Grade:

The final grade you earn will be based on the combined grades earned for each of the course requirements outlined above and will be guided by the following standard criteria (numbers represent earned points):

Three tests	300 points
Quizzes	100 points
Paper	100 points
	500 points