

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".

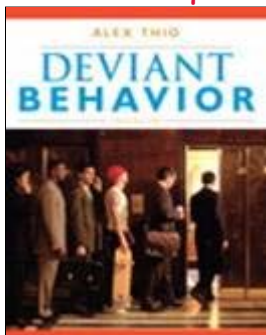
Beginning with definitions of deviance, the course will progress to an examination of the extent of deviant behaviors, theories of the causes of deviant behavior, and the role of social control. There will be a rather broad range of specific behaviors considered, with an overall aim to provide students 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 an 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 inexpensive 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

<http://www.mypearsonstore.com/bookstore/product.asp?isbn=0205693237&xid=PSED>

eText ISBN-10: 0-205-74153-3

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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