

Special Topics: Community Theories of Crime CRJU 349

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Course Description and Objectives:

This course will explore the development of community theories of crime based on the social ecology of crime and social disorganization theory. These theories focus on structural factors within neighborhoods and how they predict why some neighborhoods have higher levels of crime than others. Students will also explore how structural factors can lead to the formation of cultural codes that favor criminal behavior. Finally, this course will discuss the implications of these theories of crime and how they can be used to prevent crime.

Required Text:

Anderson, Elijah (1999). *Code of the Street: Decency, Violence, and the Moral Life of the Inner City*. W.W. Norton & Company.
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