



SLO #1 Demonstrate an ability to integrate and apply different theoretical perspectives to explain a range of specific criminal offenses, and be able to compare and construct the strengths and weaknesses of those theories.

SLO #2 Show substantive knowledge about the measurement of crime and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of major sources of crime data.

SLO #3 Demonstrate substantive knowledge about the extent and severity of formal and informal responses to various types of crime and offenders.

SLO#4 Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the prevalence of various types of crime, and the characteristics of likely offenders and victims.

### **Required Texts:**

TJ Bernard, JB Snipes & AL Gerould & GB Vold (2015) Vold's Theoretical Criminology. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199964154

Frank Schmalleger (2018) Criminology, 4th Edition. ISBN-13: 978-0134548647

### **Other Readings**

Articles on Canvas

### **Course Requirements and Assignments**

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of *forty-five hours for each unit of credit*, including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. *Late homework, quizzes, and exams will not be accepted.*

**Requirements:** You are required to read all book chapters and articles in advance. Your grade is based on weekly quizzes, in-class discussions, a midterm, a group presentation, and a final exam. Details of these requirements will be provided in Canvas.

**Weekly Quizzes:** Weekly quizzes will be given in Canvas. Weekly quizzes may include multiple-choice, true/false, short answer, and essay questions.

**Midterm Essay:** The miT 51 Tf [(a) 0.2 (nd ) ]TJ ET Q q 0.24 0 0 ,. [(Es) -0 0 Tm50.3223 0 0 50,o(z) 0.2 (z)

**Group Presentation.** You will be assigned into a small group to do a class presentation. The presentation is about theory application. Here are the four steps: 1) choose one theory provided by the textbooks; 2) study major theoretical propositions and hypotheses based on the chosen theory; 3) identify your research methods (e.g. interview your friends or ask your friends for help, interview police officers, on-line survey, or making a short documentary film etc.); 4) report your findings and conclude. Presentations are scheduled for the first week of May (May 5&7).

**Final Exam.** Final exam is scheduled on Friday, May 15 (07:15-09:30 AM). The final exam will be “closed book” tests that will require you to incorporate materials discussed and presented in class with the assigned readings. The format of the final will be multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and essay.

**Final Grade (total points possible: 300 points)**

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The point totals break down as follows:

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Weekly Quizzes	150 points
In-class Discussion	20 points
Presentation	30 points
Midterm Essay	50 points
Final Exam	50 points
Total	300 points

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### Tentative Class Schedules

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings / Resources</b> (Additional articles will be posted in Canvas)
Introduction Overview of syllabus and course material Theory and empiricism	Class Orientation  Bernard et al. Chapter 1