



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 crime measurement 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 (2019) Vold's Theoretical Criminology, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition, Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199964154

Frank Schmalleger (2018) Criminology, 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Any plagiarized work will result in an F grade in the class.***

**Requirements:** You are required to read all book chapters and articles in advance. Your grade is based on weekly quizzes, online discussions, a midterm essay, 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 answers, and essay questions.

**Weekly Discussion:** Your participation grade is graded upon your discussion on the discussion board. You must post original contributions based on each discussion question, and reply to at least one of your classmates with meaningful comments. To be more specific, after you posted your original responses to these discussion questions, you need to reply to at least one of your classmates' discussion posts with feedback to receive full credit. Please try to choose someone who has not yet received feedback so that all participants receive feedback from at least one other person. Your discussion postings should actively stimulate and sustain further discussion by building on peers' responses.

**Midterm Essay:** The midterm essay question will ask you to apply *two criminological theories* (not three) to a movie. You are expected to elaborate on how these criminological theories can explain the movie characters' behaviors. Your essay should be double-spaced, with one-inch margins using a 12-point font Times New Roman. The essay should be three pages at a minimum without counting the reference page. You should put your word count at the bottom of your answer (do not count the words in the question itself). Please incorporate information from the textbook readings, discussion questions, and other resources or content covered in your discussion. Essay instructions and information will be provided in Canvas.

**Final Exam.** The final exam is scheduled for Friday, May 18 (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 exam will be multiple-choice, true/false, short answer, and essay.

**Final Grade (total points possible: 280 points)**

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The point totals break down as follows:

Weekly Quizzes

150 points



## 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