San José State University
Justice Studies Department
JS 151 Criminological Theory (Section 81)
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Office Hours:

Thursday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)
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Class Days/Time: **Online (Zoom Meeting on Thursday from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m.)**

Classroom: Online

Prerequisites:

Prerequisites: JS 10, JS 12, JS 25 or FS 11
Pre/Co-requisite: JS 100W for JS Majors

Course Format

Online instruction is used.

Online Course

All instruction takes place online with no physical in-person or campus meetings. Internet connectivity, computer, and access to software apps (i.e., Microsoft Office, Adobe, Canvas, and Zoom) are required for this class. **You are expected to have Zoom audio capability**.

You are expected to attend the Zoom meeting every week. **You are expected to present at least twice a semester for points**. Please also note that this course is based on **the synchronous method**, meaning that our class meetings are set on Thursday from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting (Meeting Id and Password are the same for Office Hours and Criminology Class)

Meeting ID: 886 8198 4019   **Password: 854454**

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:
https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/88681984019?pwd=a1JMQXlwYlJGWmtacWhNSXgwT3dXZz09
   Password: 854454

Or iPhone one-tap :
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      US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923
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Catalog Course Description

Analysis of the nature and extent of crime, including causation and prevention. Descriptions of offenses, criminal typologies and victim surveys. Evaluation of various control and prevention strategies. Prerequisite: JS 10, JS 12, JS 25 or FS 11. Pre/Co-requisite: JS 100W Note: Must achieve a grade of "C" or better to fulfill Justice Studies major requirements.

Department of Justice Studies Reading and Writing Philosophy

The Department of Justice Studies is committed to scholarly excellence. Therefore, the Department promotes academic, critical, and creative engagement with language (i.e., reading and writing) throughout its curriculum. A sustained and intensive exploration of language prepares students to think critically and to act meaningfully in interrelated areas of their lives–personal, professional, economic, social, political, ethical, and cultural. Graduates of the Department of Justice Studies leave San José State University prepared to enter a range of careers and for advanced study in a variety of fields; they are prepared to more effectively identify and ameliorate injustice in their personal, professional and civic lives. Indeed, the impact of literacy is evident not only within the span of a specific course, semester, or academic program but also over the span of a lifetime.

Course Goals

The goals of the course are: (1) to be familiar with various perspectives of criminal behavior, underlying assumptions of these perspectives and key terms; (2) to assess and analyze research concerning current issues in crime and the criminal justice system critically; and (3) to see linkage between theories, research and practical social control policies.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO #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.

CLO #2 Demonstrate substantive knowledge about the measurement of crime and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of major sources of crime rate.

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

CLO#4 Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the prevalence of various types of crime, and the characteristics of likely offenders and victim

Required Texts/Readings

The following books are required textbooks:
(1) Akers, R.L., Sellers, C.S., & Jennings, W.G. (2021). *Criminological Theories: Introduction, Evaluation, and Application* (8th edition). New York, NY: Oxford University. ISBN: 9780190935252
(2) Reiman, J. & Leighton, P. (2020). *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison: Thinking Critically About Class and Criminal Justice* (12th edition). New York, NY: Routledge. ISBN: 9780367231798
(3) Fox, J.A., Levin, J., & Quinet, K. (2019). *The Will to Kill: Making Sense of Senseless Murder* (5th edition). Los Angeles, CA: Sage. ISBN: 9781506365961

Additional 11 Required Reading Materials Obtained via Canvas

Ch. 2 Classical Theory (Deterrence and Rational Choice Theories)
- Gül, Serdar Kenan (2009). An Evaluation of the Rational Choice Theory in Criminology. (GRU [Girne American University] J. of Soc. & Appl. Sci., 4 (8), 36-44.

Ch. 5 Social Learning Theory
- Miller, H.V., Jennings, W.S., Alvarez-Rivera, L.L. & Miller, J.M. (2008). Explaining Substance Use Among Puerto Rican Adolescents: A Partial Test of Social Learning Theory. *Journal of Drug Issues,* 38 (1), 261-283.

Ch. 6 Social Bonding and Control Theories
- Morris, R.G. & Higgins, G. E. (2009). Neutralizing Potential and Self-Reported Digital Piracy: A Multitheoretical Exploration among College Undergraduates. *Criminal Justice Review,* 34 (2), 173-195.

Ch. 7 Labeling and Reintegrative Shaming Theory
- Adams, M.S., Robertson, C.T., Gray-Ray, P. & Ray, M.C. (2003). Labeling and Delinquency. *Adolescence,* 38 (149), 171-186.
- Chambliss, W. J. (1972) The Saints and the Roughnecks. file:///Users/Yoko/Downloads/saints%20and%20roughnecks%20by%20William%20Chambliss.pdf

Ch. 8 Social Disorganization Theory: Social Structure, Communities, and Crime

- Edwards, Katie M., Mattingly, Marybeth J., Dixon, Kristiana J., & Banyard Victoria L. (2014). Community Matters: Intimate Partner Violence Among Rural Young Adults. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 53, 198-207.

Ch. 11 Marxist Theories
- Herbert, Bob (1995). "Central American Free Trade Zones Exploit Girls" (excerpted) shown in *The New York Times*, July 26. Retrieved from http://pangaea.org/street_children/latin/maquil.htm

Ch. 13 Feminist Theories
- Scelfo, Julie (2005). "Bad Girls Go Wild: A rise in girl-on-girl violence is making headlines nationwide and prompting scientists to ask why." *Newsweek,* June 13.
  Retrieved from http://www.fisheaters.com/forums/index.php?topic=482521.0
- Britt, Robert Roy (2006). "Girls Gone Bad: Statistics Distort the Truth." April 10.
  Retrieved from http://www.livescience.com/4048-girls-bad-statistics-distort-truth.html
- Reckdenwald, A. & Parker, K.F. (2008). The Influence of Gender Inequality and marginalization on Types of Female Offending. *Homicide Studies*, 12, 2, 208-226.

Library Liaison

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Course Requirements and Assignments

"Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally 3 hours per unit per week with 1 of the hours used for lecture) for instruction or preparation/studying or course related activities including but not limited to internships, labs, clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus." See Office of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs' *Syllabus Information web page* at http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo/

Requirements:

(1) You are required to read all assigned chapters and articles in advance.
(2) Your grade is based on:
   1) Reading Analyses
   2) Response Paper
   3) Mid-term Exam
   4) Final Exam
   5) Zoom participation

Written Assignments:

General formatting requirements for all written assignments (i.e., **Reading Analyses** and **Response Paper**) include a cover page, page numbering, 1" margins, strict double-spacing, and Times New Roman 12pt. font. All assignments must be written in formal English, with college-level writing mechanics, and APA-style formatting, inclusive of in-text citations and references.

APA guidelines can be found in the American Psychological Association, 7th Edition reference book available at any bookstore. A quick style guide may be found at the OWL Purdue Online Writing Lab.

Written assignments uploaded to the Assignment section of Canvas must be in the following word processing file format: Microsoft Word (*.doc or *.docx). Students are 100% responsible for uploading the correct file when submitting an assignment. Failure to upload the correct file will result in a zero or an incomplete for the assignment depending on the grading structure.

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Reading Analyses (25 points x 12 = 300 points)

1. Reading analyses are designed to review and enhance your learning of the week's topic by reading the **Assigned Book Chapter(s) and Articles.** After reading materials, you need to answer the questions listed in this section.

2. **Follow the above guidelines for written assignments. You need to complete your answers in an essay format.**

3. **You should NOT start with quotes in answering the questions.**

4. You **must cite page numbers** when referring to specific material from the reading.

5. These assignments are completed at home.

6. **You must upload an electronic copy to the Assignment section of Canvas by <u>Tuesday at 11:59 p.m.</u> on their assigned due dates**. <u>**I will NOT accept your late assignments.**</u>

7. **Each reading analysis is worth 25 points (see below).**

Assigned Books and Articles

- ## Zoom Meeting: NO Student Zoom Presentation on August 26, 2021.

(Reading Analysis #1. 1) (25 points total)

Due on August 24 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 2 (The Killers and Their Victims)
Fox, Levin, & Quinet (The Will to Kill)

Questions: (about 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to provide <u>at least 2 key points (in statements) and explain them.</u>

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on September 2, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**
- ## **Question B: 4 students**

(Reading Analysis #1. 2) (25 points total)
Due on August 31 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 3 (Biological/Biosocial Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

Ch. 4 (Psychological Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on September 9, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**
- ## **Question B: 4 students**

(Reading Analysis #1. 3) (25 points total)
Due on September 7 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 2 (Deterrence and Rational Choice Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

- Gül, Serdar Kenan (2009). An Evaluation of the Rational Choice Theory in Criminology. (GRU [Girne American University] *J. of Soc. & Appl. Sci.*, 4 (8), 36-44.

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) After reading the above article, evaluate how the Rational Choice Theory may work better with some types of crimes or criminals than with others (white-collar criminals vs. street criminals).
(b) Answer the question by referring to eight points of fundamentals of the Rational Choice Theory included in the article (p. 37).

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on September 16, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**
- ## **Question B: 5 students**

(Reading Analysis #1. 4) (25 points total)
Due on September 14 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 5 (Social Learning Theory)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

- Miller, H.V., Jennings, W.S., Alvarez-Rivera, L.L. & Miller, J.M. (2008). Explaining Substance Use Among Puerto Rican Adolescents: A Partial Test of Social Learning Theory. *Journal of Drug Issues,* 38 (1), 261-283.

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article.
(b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across.
(c) What did the authors find?

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- **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on September 23, 2021.**
- **Question A: 5 students**
- **Question B: 5 students**

(<u>Reading Analysis</u> #1. 5) (25 points total)
Due on September 21 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 6 (Social Bonding and Control Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

- Morris, R.G. & Higgins, G. E. (2009). Neutralizing Potential and Self-Reported Digital Piracy: A Multitheoretical Exploration among College Undergraduates. *Criminal Justice Review,* 34 (2), 173-195.

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article.
(b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across.
(c) What did the authors find?

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on September 30, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**
- ## **Question B: 5 students**
- ## **Question C: 4 students**

(<u>Reading Analysis</u> #1.6) (25 points total)
Due on September 28 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 7 (Labeling and Reintegrative Shaming Theory)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

- Adams, M.S., Robertson, C.T., Gray-Ray, P. & Ray, M.C. (2003). Labeling and Delinquency. *Adolescence,* 38 (149), 171-186.

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article.
(b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across.
(c) What did the authors find? Examine which labeling, informal (i.e., teacher, family, and peer) or formal labeling, was a source of negative labeling for which type of delinquency?

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- Chambliss, W. J. (1972) The Saints and the Roughnecks.
  file:///Users/Yoko/Downloads/saints%20and%20roughnecks%20by%20William%20Chambliss.pdf

Questions C: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After reading the above article, answer the following questions.
(a) Why were the Saints seen as good boys and the Roughnecks seen as bad boys?
(b) The conventional wisdom is that criminals are different from noncriminals, that bad things are done by bad people. To what extent does the information presented in Chambliss' article contradict the conventional wisdom?
(c) In what specific way did differences in social class (for example, economic resources and cultural capital) contribute to the community's different treatment of and regard for the Saints and the Roughnecks?

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- ## Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on October 7, 2021.
- ## Question A: 5 students
- ## Question B: 5 students

(Reading Analysis #1. 7) (25 points total)
Due on October 5 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 8 (Social Disorganization Theory)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

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- Edwards, Katie M., Mattingly, Marybeth J., Dixon, Kristiana J., and Banyard Victoria L. (2014). Community Matters: Intimate Partner Violence Among Rural Young Adults. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 53, 198-207.

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article.
(b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across.
(c) What did the authors find?
(d) Why was collective efficacy unrelated to woman's IPV perpetration and victimization?
(e) Why were frequencies of IPV by stander intervention increased, as collective efficacy increased?

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on October 21, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**

(<u>Reading Analysis</u> #1. 8) (25 points total)
Due on October 19 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 9 (Anomie and Strain Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

<u>Questions</u>; (about 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on October 28, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**
- ## **Question B: 4 students**

(<u>Reading Analysis</u> #1. 9) (25 points total)
Due on October 26 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 11 (Marxist Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

<u>Questions A:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

(b) If capitalism is the cause of crime, how do you explain crime in a socialist society?

- Herbert, Bob (1995). "Central American Free Trade Zones Exploit Girls" (excerpted) shown in *The New York Times*, July 26. Retrieved from http://pangaea.org/street_children/latin/maquil.htm

<u>Questions B:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)

After reading the above article, answer the following questions.

Apply the following concepts to the article: two-economic groups, means of production, alienation, reserved army of labor, surplus labor,, surplus profit, class consciousness, class conflict, revolution, etc.

<u>**Note:**</u> Under capitalism, individuals are free to purchase and own their own homes, cars, etc. and live where they want. Under socialism, the whole community collectively owns and controls property, goods, and production

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- ## <u>Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on November 4, 2021.</u>
- ## Question A: 5 students
- ## Question B: 2 student
- ## Question C: 2 student
- ## Question D: 5 students

(<u>Reading Analysis #1. 10</u>) (25 points total)
<u>Due on November 2 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.</u>

Ch. 13 (Feminist Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

<u>Questions A:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

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- Scelfo, Julie (2005). "Bad Girls Go Wild: A rise in girl-on-girl violence is making headlines nationwide and prompting scientists to ask why." *Newsweek,* June 13.
  Retrieved from http://www.fisheaters.com/forums/index.php?topic=482521.0

Questions B: (about 1 page)

After reading the above article, answer the following questions.
(a) What is the author's argument?'
(b) How has the women's liberation movement contributed to a rise in girl-on-girl violence, if any contribution? Discuss this question in relation to Rita Simon's Opportunity Hypothesis (see the criminological Theories textbook on p.270).
(c) How does Frieda Adler's Masculine Hypothesis (See the Criminological Theories textbook on pp. 269 - 270) explain a rise in girl-on-girl violence?

- Britt, Robert Roy (2006). "Girls Gone Bad: Statistics Distort the Truth." April 10.
  Retrieved from http://www.livescience.com/4048-girls-bad-statistics-distort-truth.html

Questions C: (about 1 page)

(a) What is the author's counterargument to Scelfo's argument?
(b) How does the author explain the increase in female arrests?
(c) How does Meda Chesney-Lind explain the rise in arrests for females in the article?

- Reckdenwald, A. & Parker, K.F. (2008). The Influence of Gender Inequality and marginalization on Types of Female Offending. *Homicide Studies*, 12, 2, 208-226.

Questions D: (about 1 to 2 pages)

(a) What did the authors try to find out in this article?
(b) What types of crimes did the authors include to test in the article? Why did they choose these crimes?
(c) Explain the economic marginalization hypothesis.

(d) Which questions (variables) of Gender Inequality were related to which crimes (crimes were defined in #2)?
(e) Which questions (variables) of Economic Marginalization were related to which crimes (crimes were defined in #2)?
(f) Present short summary of the authors' findings related to gender inequality and economic marginalization.

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on November 18, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**
- ## **Question B: 5 students**

(Reading Analysis #1. 11) (25 points total)
Due on November 16 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 1 (Crime Control in America: Nothing Succeeds Like Failure)
Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison)

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain 2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements). You also discuss the Pyrrhic defeat theory included in this reading.

Ch. 2 (A Crime by Any Other Name . . .)
Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison)

Questions C: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain 2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements).

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- ## **Zoom Meeting: Student Zoom Presentation on December 2, 2021.**
- ## **Question A: 5 students**

- **Question B: 5 students**

(Reading Analysis #1. 12) (25 points total)
Due on November 30 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 3 (. . . And the Poor Get Prison)
Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain 2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements).

Ch. 4 (To the Vanquished Belong the Spoils: Who is Winning the Losing War Against Crime?)
Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison)

Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain 2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements). You also discuss the Pyrrhic defeat theory included in this reading.

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Response Paper (70 points)
The response paper is due on **Thursday, December 2 (Thursday), 2021 at 11:59 p.m.**
No late paper is accepted.

You need to read the following required textbook and write a response paper. Fox, J.A., Levin, J., and Quinet, K. 2019. *The Will to Kill: Making Sense of Senseless Murder* (4th edition). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

(1) You need to choose three chapters out of the following 6 chapters:

Ch. 4 Intimate and Family Murder
Ch. 5 The Young and the Ruthless
Ch. 6 Well-Schooled in Murder
Ch. 7 Serial Killers
Ch. 9 Rampage
Ch. 10 Hate Homicides

(2) The following points must be incorporated in your written paper.
You will write each chapter separately based on the following points.
- What is the purpose of the book chapter? Examine.
- Identify the major themes and key points of the chapter. In 3 or 4 sentences, what is the author basically trying to get across? Make special note of those, which are relevant to the concerns of the course.
- Choose theory (**You need only one theory for each chapter**. But **use three different theories for three different chapters**) and apply the theory to each chapter. In order to apply the theory, briefly explain the **assumptions** of each theory, and then using the theory, explain the most important theme in the chapter that you chose.
- Evaluate the author's point. How does the author support his or her position? Is it convincing? Why, or why not?
- Write your critical analysis of each chapter.
- Write a short summary of each chapter.

(3) Your written comments should be typed and double-spaced with **12-font**.
(4) The total page number of this response paper should be **approximately 2 to 3 pages for each chapter**.
(5) The paper should be written **in an essay format**.
(6) **You need to use both textbooks** (Fox, Levin, and Quinet's *The Will to Kill **and*** Akers and Sellers' *Criminological Theories*)
(7) **If you quote directly from the book, you need to include the author's name and page numbers. However, your quotes must be limited to two for each chapter**.
(8) If you borrow ideas from any researchers in the textbook, you need to cite these authors in the text.
(9) You need to use **APA style**.
(10) Written assignments should be uploaded to the Assignment section of Canvas.

Theories
• **Use three different theories for three different chapters**.

• For example, you need to choose Aker's Social Learning Theory (Ch. 5), Hirschi's Control Theory (Ch. 6), and Durkheim's Anomie Theory (Ch. 9).

• However, you can NOT choose Deterrence Theory, Rational Choice Theory, and Routine Activities Theory. All of them are from Classical Theory (Ch. 2)

(1) Classical Theory
• Deterrence theory or
• Rational Choice Theory or
• Routine Activities Theory
(2) Social Learning Theory
• Sutherland's Differential Association or

• Akers' Social Learning Theory
(3) Social Bonding and Control Theory
• Hirschi's Control Theory or
• Sykes and Matza's Techniques of Neutralization
(4) Labeling Theory
• Edwin Lemert's Theory or
• Howard Becker's Theory
(5) Social Disorganization Theory
• Shaw and McKay's Theory
(6) Anomie and Strain Theories
• Durkheim's Anomie Theory or
• Merton's Anomie/Strain Theory or
• Albert Cohen's Theory or
• Agnew's General Strain Theory

(7) Marxist Theories
• Karl Marx or
• Richard Quinney

(8) Feminist Theories
• Freda Adler or
• Rita Simon or
• James Messerschmidt

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Exams (50 points each):
There are mid-term exam and final exam. These examinations consist of **25 multiple-choice questions**.

You must take the exams on the scheduled day (see below).
There are NO make-up mid-term exam and Final exam.

Mid-term Exam (50 points):
The mid-term exam is scheduled on **Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Canvas). The exam will close promptly at 8:30 p.m. The study guide will be provided one week prior to the mid-term exam.**

Final Exam (50 points):
The final exam is scheduled on **Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Canvas). The exam will close promptly at 8:30 p.m. The study guide will be provided one week prior to the final exam.**

University Policy S17-1 (http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S17-1.pdf) states that

"Faculty members are required to have a culminating activity for their courses, which can include a final examination, a final research paper or project, a final creative work or performance, a final portfolio of work, or other appropriate assignment."

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Final Grade (500 points):

(1) 1 Response Paper (CLO #1 and #4)	70 points
(2) Mid-term Exam (CLO #1, #2, #3 and #4)	50 points
(3) Final Exam (CLO #1, #2, #3 and #4)	50 points
(4) Reading Analyses (CLO#1 and #2)	300 points
(5) Zoom participation (CLO#1 and #2)	30 points

Note 1: Reading Analysis (25 points x 12 = 300 points)
- **You can drop one Reading Analysis. You can complete 11 analyses (12 analyses minus 1 analysis) or all 12 analyses. Either one, you will get a total of 300 points.**

- **Be sure to read the right chapter and topics each week.**

Note 2: Zoom Participation (15 points x 2 = 30 points)
- **You are expected to attend each Zoom class meeting.**

- **You need to present reading analyses via Zoom at least 2 times (via Zoom) throughout the semester. For each presentation, it is worth 15 points.**

- **You need to indicate your preferred day on the sign-up sheet (<u>You will have a sign-up sheet for your Zoom presentation very soon, which will be posted on Canvas Announcement.</u>**

- **You can present more than two times, but you will get 30 points.**

Note 3: Zoom Office Hours are from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Note 4: Zoom Class Meeting are from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m.

<u>*Zoom ID and Pass Code for Office Hours and Class Meeting are the same. They are shown on Canvas Announcement.</u>

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You will not be able to drop the class after the official DROP Day except when you have medical emergency with your doctor's note.

A final grade of incomplete (I):
http://www.sjsu.edu/registrar/students/gradesgrades_changes/grade_symbols_and_values/

Grading Policy
Total Points Possible: 500 points (There is no possibility of extra credit)

A plus = 97 to 100% (485 to 500)	A = 94 to 96% (470 to 484)	A minus = 90 to 93% (450 to 469)
B plus = 87 to 89% (435 to 449)	B = 84 to 86% (420 to 434)	B minus = 80 to 83% (400 to 419)
C plus = 77 to 79% (385 to 399)	C = 74 to 76% (370 to 384)	C minus = 70 to 73% (350 to 369)
D plus = 67 to 69% (335 to 349)	D = 64 to 66% (320 to 334)	D minus = 60 to 63% (300 to 319)
F = 0 to 59% (0 to 299)		

Make-up Policy: There will be no make-ups for your missed exams. There will be only one exception to this polity. Those students who provide written notice in advance who must miss class for university business will have special tests arranged usually before the scheduled test.

Classroom Protocol (For online class, please adapt as appropriate)

(1) Turn off your cell phone or pager in class.

(2) Do not come to class late or leave class early. If you have to arrive in class late regularly, I advise you not to take this course.

(3) Respect your classmates' ideas and opinions, even when they are different from yours.

(4) Do not chat with your classmates in class unless you are expected to have discussions in a small group.

(5) **Without the instructor's permission, audio or video recordings cannot be made in this class** (University Policy S12-7, http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/docs/S12-7.pdf)**.**

University, College, or Department Policy information

Per University Policy S16-9, faculty are no longer required to include university level policy information <mark>in the syllabus,</mark> instead, provide "<mark>*a link in accessible format regarding such topics as academic integrity, accommodations, and services available to all students (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources).*</mark>" This link of [Syllabus Information page](http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo) <mark>(http://www.sjsu.edu/gup/syllabusinfo) is hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Education. Please make sure to review university policy and available services information with your students.</mark>

Workload and Credit Hour Requirements

"Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend, for each unit of credit, a minimum of 45 hours over the length of the course (normally three hours per unit per week) for instruction, preparation/studying, or course related activities, including but not limited to internships, labs, and clinical practica. Other course structures will have equivalent workload expectations as described in the syllabus" (*University Policy S16-9*)

JS 151 Criminological Theory, Fall 2021, Course Schedule

The schedule is subject to change with fair notice and how the notice will be made available.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines
1	August 19	**(Zoom Meeting)** **Introduction** • **Canvas: Read Syllabus Carefully**
2	August 26	**(Zoom Meeting)** *** No Student Zoom Presentation on August 26, 2021.** **Definitions of Crime** • **Key Terms for FBI's Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) (Look at the <u>Module Section of Canvas</u> and Understand FBI's Definitions of Key Terms)**

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		General Characteristics of Crime and Criminals **(Reading Analysis #1. 1 – Reading Ch. 2 by Fox, Levin, & Quinet)** **Due on August 24 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.** Ch. 2 (The Killers and Their Victims) Fox, Levin, & Quinet (The Will to Kill) **Questions: (about 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to provide at least 2 key points (in statements) and explain them.**
3	September 2	**(Zoom Meeting)** - **Student Zoom Presentation on September 2, 2021.** - **Question A: 5 students** - **Question B: 4 students** **Introduction to Criminological Theories** **(Reading Analysis #1. 2 – Reading Ch. 3 and Ch. 4 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **Due on August 31 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.** Ch. 3 (Biological/Biosocial Theories) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.**

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		---------------------------------- Ch. 4 (Psychological Theories) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.**
4	September 9	**(Zoom Meeting)** - **Student Zoom Presentation on September 9, 2021.** - **Question A: 5 students** - **Question B: 4 students** **The Emergence of Criminology (Classical Theory)** **(Reading Analysis #1. 3 – Ch. 2 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **Due on September 7 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.** Ch. 2 (Deterrence and Rational Choice Theories) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.** ----------------------------------- - Gül, Serdar Kenan (2009). An Evaluation of the Rational Choice Theory in Criminology. (GRU [Girne American University] *J. of Soc. & Appl. Sci.*, 4 (8), 36-44.

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		Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages) (a) After reading the above article, evaluate how the Rational Choice Theory may work better with some types of crimes or criminals than with others (white-collar criminals vs. street criminals). (b) Answer the question by referring to eight points of fundamentals of the Rational Choice Theory included in the article (p. 37).
5	September 16	**(Zoom Meeting)** • **Student Zoom Presentation on September 16, 2021.** • **Question A: 5 students** • **Question B: 5 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 4 – Ch. 5 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **Due on September 14 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.** Ch. 5 (Social Learning Theory) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>** --- • Miller, H.V., Jennings, W.S., Alvarez-Rivera, L.L. & Miller, J.M. (2008). Explaining Substance Use Among Puerto Rican Adolescents: A Partial Test of Social Learning Theory. *Journal of Drug Issues,* 38 (1), 261-283. **Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)** (a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts

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		included in the article. (b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across. (c) What did the authors find?
6	September 23	**(Zoom Meeting)** - **<u>Student Zoom Presentation on September 23, 2021.</u>** - **Question A: 5 students** - **Question B: 5 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 5 – Ch. 6 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **<u>Due on September 21 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.</u>** Ch. 6 (Social Bonding and Control Theories) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **<u>Questions A:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>** --------------------------------------- - Morris, R.G. & Higgins, G. E. (2009). Neutralizing Potential and Self-Reported Digital Piracy: A Multitheoretical Exploration among College Undergraduates. *Criminal Justice Review,* 34 (2), 173-195. **<u>Questions B:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)** (a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article. (b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across. (c) What did the authors find?

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7	September 30	**(Zoom Meeting)** • **<u>Student Zoom Presentation on September 30, 2021.</u>** • **Question A: 5 students** • **Question B: 5 students** • **Question C: 4 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 6 – Ch. 7 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **<u>Due on September 28 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.</u>** Ch. 7 (Labeling and Reintegrative Shaming Theory) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **<u>Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)</u>** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>** --- • Adams, M.S., Robertson, C.T., Gray-Ray, P. & Ray, M.C. (2003). Labeling and Delinquency. *Adolescence,* 38 (149), 171-186. **<u>Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)</u>** (a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article. (b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across. (c) What did the authors find? Examine which labeling, informal (i.e., teacher, family, and peer) or formal labeling, was a source of negative labeling for which type of delinquency? • Chambliss, W. J. (1972) The Saints and the Roughnecks.

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		Questions C: (about 1 to 2 pages) After reading the above article, answer the following questions. (a) Why were the Saints seen as good boys and the Roughnecks seen as bad boys? (b) The conventional wisdom is that criminals are different from noncriminals, that bad things are done by bad people. To what extent does the information presented in Chambliss' article contradict the conventional wisdom? (c) In what specific way did differences in social class (for example, economic resources and cultural capital) contribute to the community's different treatment of and regard for the Saints and the Roughnecks?
8	October 7	**(Zoom Meeting)** **Student Zoom Presentation on October 7, 2021.** **Question A: 5 students** **Question B: 5 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 7 – Ch. 8 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **Due on October 5 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.** Ch. 8 (Social Disorganization Theory) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **Questions A:** (about 1 to 2 pages) **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.** --- - Edwards, Katie M., Mattingly, Marybeth J., Dixon, Kristiana J., & Banyard Victoria L. (2014). Community Matters: Intimate Partner Violence Among Rural Young Adults. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 53, 198-207. **Questions B:** (about 1 to 2 pages)

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		(a) After reading the above article, briefly define several important concepts included in the article. (b) In two to three sentences, explain what the authors are trying to get across. (c) What did the authors find? (d) Why was collective efficacy unrelated to woman's IPV perpetration and victimization? (e) Why were frequencies of IPV by stander intervention increased, as collective efficacy increased?
9	October 14	**Mid-term Exam from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** **Exam only. No Class.**
10	October 21	**(Zoom Meeting)** - **Student Zoom Presentation on October 21, 2021.** - **Question A: 5 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 8 – Ch. 9 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)** **Due on October 19 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.** Ch. 9 (Anomie and Strain Theories) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **Questions; (about 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.**
11	October 28	**(Zoom Meeting)** - **Student Zoom Presentation on October 28, 2021.** - **Question A: 5 students** - **Question B: 4 students**

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		(Reading Analysis #1. 9 – Ch. 11 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings) **<u>Due on October 26 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.</u>** Ch. 11 (Marxist Theories) Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory) **<u>Questions A:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)** **(a) After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>** **(b) If capitalism is the cause of crime, how do you explain crime in a socialist society?** -- (Herbert, Bob (1995). "Central American Free Trade Zones Exploit Girls" (excerpted) shown in *The New York Times*, July 26. Retrieved from http://pangaea.org/street_children/latin/maquil.htm **<u>Questions B:</u> (about 1 to 2 pages)** After reading the above article, answer the following questions. Apply the following concepts to the article: two-economic groups, means of production, alienation, reserved army of labor, surplus labor,, surplus profit, class consciousness, class conflict, revolution, etc. **<u>Note:</u>** Under capitalism, individuals are free to purchase and own their own homes, cars, etc. and live where they want. Under socialism, the whole community collectively owns and controls property, goods, and production.
12	November 4	**(Zoom Meeting)** **<u>Student Zoom Presentation on November 4, 2021.</u>** **Question A: 5 students** **Question B: 2 student**

Week	Date	Topics, Readings, Assignments, Deadlines

- **Question C: 2 student**
- **Question D: 5 students**

(Reading Analysis #1. 10 – Ch. 13 by Akers, Sellers, & Jennings)

Due on November 2 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.

Ch. 13 (Feminist Theories)
Akers, Sellers, & Jennings (Criminological Theory)

Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)

After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>at least 1 theorist's arguments (in statements). Be sure to include one theorist.</u>

- Scelfo, Julie (2005). "Bad Girls Go Wild: A rise in girl-on-girl violence is making headlines nationwide and prompting scientists to ask why." *Newsweek,* June 13.
  Retrieved from
  http://www.fisheaters.com/forums/index.php?topic=482521.0

Questions B: (about 1 page)

After reading the above article, answer the following questions.
(a) What is the author's argument?'
(b) How has the women's liberation movement contributed to a rise in girl-on-girl violence, if any contribution? Discuss this question in relation to Rita Simon's Opportunity Hypothesis (see the criminological Theories textbook on p.270).
(c) How does Frieda Adler's Masculine Hypothesis (See the Criminological Theories textbook on pp. 269 - 270) explain a rise in girl-on-girl violence?

- Britt, Robert Roy (2006). "Girls Gone Bad: Statistics Distort the Truth." April 10.
  Retrieved from http://www.livescience.com/4048-girls-bad-statistics-

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		Questions C: (about 1 page)
		(a) What is the author's counterargument to Scelfo's argument? (b) How does the author explain the increase in female arrests? (c) How does Meda Chesney-Lind explain the rise in arrests for females in the article? --------------------------------------- • Reckdenwald, Amy & Parker, K.F. (2008). The influence of Gender Inequality and Marginalization on Types of Female Offending. *Homicide Studies,* 12, 2, 208-226. **Questions D: (about 1 to 2 pages)** (a) What did the authors try to find out in this article? (b) What types of crimes did the authors include to test in the article? Why did they choose these crimes? (c) Explain the economic marginalization hypothesis. (d) Which questions (variables) of Gender Inequality were related to which crimes (crimes were defined in #2)? (e) Which questions (variables) of Economic Marginalization were related to which crimes (crimes were defined in #2)? (f) Present short summary of the authors' findings related to gender inequality and economic marginalization.
13	November 11	**Veteran's Day – Campus Closed** **No Class**
14	November 18	**(Zoom Meeting)** • **Student Zoom Presentation on November 18, 2021.** • **Question A: 5 students** • **Question B: 5 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 11)**

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		Due on November 16 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m. Ch. 1 (Crime Control in America: Nothing Succeeds Like Failure) Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison) **Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain 2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements). You also discuss the Pyrrhic defeat theory included in this reading.** -- Ch. 2 (A Crime by Any Other Name . . .) Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison) **Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain 2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements).**
15	November 25	**Thanksgiving Holiday – Campus Closed**
16	December 2	**(Zoom Meting)** ******** Response Paper Due on December 2 (Thursday), 2021 at 11:59 p.m.** • **Student Zoom Presentation on December 2, 2021.** • **Question A: 5 students** • **Question B: 5 students** **(Reading Analysis #1. 12 – Ch. 3 by Reiman & Leighton)** **Due on November 30 (Tuesday) at 11:59 p.m.**

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		Ch. 3 (. . . And the Poor Get Prison) Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison) **Questions A: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements).</u>** -- Ch. 4 (To the Vanquished Belong the Spoils: Who is Winning the Losing War Against Crime?) Reiman & Leighton (The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison) **Questions B: (about 1 to 2 pages)** **After you read the above reading, you need to identify, define, and explain <u>2 key concepts and/or principles (in statements).</u> You also discuss the Pyrrhic defeat theory included in this reading.**
17	December 9	<u>**Final Exam from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.**</u> <u>**Exam Only. No Class.**</u>