

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-301 Criminology

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-301	Criminology	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	Sophomore standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Objectives and methods of criminology; Criminological Theory; Crime as an individual phenomenon; Crime as a social phenomenon; Institutional Framework of Law Enforcement; Philosophy and aims of punishment; Police organisation and attitudes..

Instructor

Dr Margarita Nazzal

Course Aims and Objectives

Why do individuals commit crime, sometimes of an extremely serious nature? Can it be explained by their social environment, their childhood or, ultimately, should we each be responsible for our own acts, singularly, without looking for causes to excuse us? Criminology will seek to provide answers to these and other questions. It will, further, examine whether punishment, including prison is effective and what, if any, the alternatives are to it.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and problem-solving activities.

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (30 hours of lectures, 12 hours of seminars/tutorials and student-led presentation/seminars). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14 weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Assigned work: 25%
Interim tests: 25%
Final Exam: 50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

M. Maguire, R. Morgan & R. Reiner (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Criminology*, 2nd ed., Oxford University Press, 1997

Recommended Reading

J. Muncie, E. McLaughlin & M. Langan (eds.), *Criminological Perspectives*, Sage Publications Ltd., 1995