

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: SOC-340 Criminology

Department: Social Sciences

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
SOC-340	Criminology	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	SOC-101
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Social Sciences	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

This course is a predominantly theoretical introduction to the sociological study of crime. It presents the various ways in which crime has been defined and the central debates around these definitions. It also deals with the social reality of crime by examining the parameters and correlates of criminal behaviour. The most important part of the course presents the theoretical contributions of the three schools of criminology. These include theories of the nature, ethnology, and the social construction of crime.

### Prerequisites

SOC-101

### Topic Areas

1. Conceptions of Deviance and Crime
2. The Consensus-Conflict Debate
3. Parameters of Crime
4. Correlates of Crime
5. Classical Criminology
6. Positivistic Criminology
7. Sociology of Law/Critical Criminology

### Readings and Resources

#### Required Textbook

- Vold, George B., Thomas J. Bernard, and Jeffrey Snipes. (1998). *Theoretical Criminology*, (4/e). New York: Oxford University Press.