



Syllabus-Criminal Justice 4650-Sex Crimes

Required Text

Sex Crimes Patterns and Behavior, Third Edition (Ronald M Holmes & Stephen T Holmes, Sage Publications Inc 2009): ISBN: 978-1-4129-5298-9

Course Description: This is an overview of sex crimes, psycho-sexual disorders, and rape. The course will offer literature and practice of sex crimes to include research and case studies, legal definition, causes, identification, types of prevention and treatment for victims and offenders, and how the criminal justice system respond to these issues.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- 1) Explain the types of sexual abuse and legal consequences.
- 2) Identify the causes of sexual abuse
- 3) Explore the types of treatment available to victims and offenders of sexual abuse.
- 4) Evaluate methods of prevention of sexual abuse.
- 5) Review the responses of various criminal justice agencies to sexual abuse issues.

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Grades: It is intended that this course is one of learning in an environment that fosters success and hopefully “fun”. You will work in this class, but your efforts will be fully rewarded. The final grade will be based upon the following criteria.

- Total 100 points (percent)
 - Seven weekly exams (multiple choice and true/false) @ 100 points each are averaged to account for 65 points (percent) total (drop lowest grade)
 - A 400-500 word essay and an oral class presentation accounts for 15 points (percent) **due 6th week**
 - 2 short essays, of 300 words on an assigned topic relevant to class discussion or course; or related to guest speakers @ 10 points (percent) each; for a total of 20 points (percent)

Essay editorial guidelines: An essay rubric will be provided.

VSU policy requires that any grade review must be initiated, in writing, within 30 days of the end of the grading period in which the grade was reported.

Attendance: Please be punctual and remain the entire class. Any student's absence requires proof of emergency, sickness, TAD orders, etc. VSU policy allows that two or more absentees without justification result in a "Withdraw/Failing" grade for the course.

Your third absentee regardless of reason will lower your overall final grade by 1 grade pt. Each subsequent absentee will do the same. You may withdraw from the class at anytime.

Course Outline:**

- Week 1, **Chapter 1**, Sex Behavior and Crimes in the United States. **Chapter 2**, Theories of Sexual Deviance: Understanding the Casual Nexus. Lecture and take home exam
- Week 2, **Chapter 3**, Sex and History, **Chapter 4**, Nuisance Sex Behaviors. Lecture and in-class exam
- Week 3, **Chapter 5**, Incest and **Chapter 6**, Pedophilia. Lecture and in-class Exam. Guest Speaker Essay Due.
- Week 4, **Chapter 7**, Child Pornography; **Chapter 8**, Pornography; and **Chapter 9**, Sex and the Internet. Lecture and in-class exam
- Week 5, **Chapter 10**, Dangerous Sex Crimes and **Chapter 11**, Sexually Motivated Homicides. Lecture and in-class exam.
- Week 6, **Chapter 12**, Rape and **Chapter 13**, Victim of Sexual Assault. Lecture and in-class exam. Essay Editorial Due
- Week 7 **Chapter 14**, Treatment of Sex Offenders. Lecture and in-class exam
- Week 8 Oral Presentations

** Guest Speakers are anticipated but have not been confirmed. A 200 word essay is required for all guest speakers due the next class meeting.

ADA Statement: Valdosta State University complies fully with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you believe that you are covered under this act, and if you have need for special arrangements to allow you to meet the requirements of this course, please contact the personnel at the VSU Center at Naval Submarine Base, Kings Bay. These individuals will put you in contact with VSU's Special Services Office. Also, please discuss this with the instructor at the time of the first class.