

## **Sociology 2301: Introduction to Crime Studies**

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*\*I do ask that you set up at time with me for office hours even during my stated hours. I typically have multiple students wanting to see me and would like to schedule accordingly.*

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

#### **SOCL 2301 Introduction to Crime Studies (3)**

This course focuses on the fundamentals of the causes, correlates, consequences, and controls of crime in society, including definitional and methodological issues.

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## **COURSE WEBSITE**

This course will make use of Moodle, which is accessed via the LSU homepage under “myLSU.” Lecture material, assignments, quizzes, and grades will be posted on this site. Please check Moodle regularly.

In addition, I will occasionally send out emails to the class using Moodle. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you regularly check your email linked to your Moodle account. (By default, this is your @lsu.edu email address.) I will not accept excuses that you “did not receive an email”; Moodle tells me if all emails are sent successfully. I will also not accept the excuse that “you did not see the email.” It is your responsibility to check your email often. If you have your LSU email forwarded to another email account, be sure messages are not being sent to the “junk” folder.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Formal attendance will not be taken in class as it is your responsibility to be present. **HOWEVER**, regular class attendance and good note-taking skills will greatly improve your odds of academic success. In addition, I reserve the right to administer quizzes and extra credit opportunities in class without prior notice. Students not present **will not** receive credit for extra credit opportunities, even with a valid excuse. Students who miss class are responsible for all announcements, class discussions, class notes, and changes made to the course outline during class meetings.

I **WILL NOT** post my power point slides on Moodle. You must come to class to see them. If you are not able to attend class on a particular day, **YOU** are responsible for getting notes from a classmate and it is up to **YOU** to find that classmate. I will not distribute my own lecture notes to students and I will not reiterate information provided in class.



## GRADING

Your grade will be based on three (3) exams taken throughout the semester and various assignments and quizzes associated with each chapter or assigned readings. Each exam will have equal weight (25%) for a total of 75% of your final grade. The assignments and quizzes will also be weighted equally and combined will be worth 25% of your final grade.

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Grading Scale:

100 – 97 = A+; 96 – 93 = A; 92 – 90 = A-

89 – 87 = B+; 86 – 83 = B; 82 – 80 = B-

79 – 77 = C+; 76 – 73 = C; 72 – 70 = C-

69 – 67 = D+; 66 – 63 = D; 62 – 60 = D-

3 Exams- 25% each = 75%

Assignments/Quizzes = 25%

Total 100%