



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Basic theories in Criminology - 61203

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: criminology

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

This course is about the core theories of criminology, which seek to answer questions such as "Why does one become a criminal?" "Why does one cease to commit crime?" "Why can we find more crime in some societies than in others?"

Course/Module aims:

The purpose of this course is to introduce the students to basic criminological theories, which have formed the basis for thinking about and investigating criminal activity and the social reaction to it, and which are still the basis for much of recent research in criminology.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- For each theory reviewed in this course:*
- Describe the core propositions of the theory.*
 - Identify the hidden assumptions of the theory*
 - Examine the empirical evidence concerning the theory*
 - Evaluate the criticisms of the theory*
 - Identify the potential policy implications of the theory*

Attendance requirements(%):

Full attendance (at least 80%)

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lectures
Assignments*

Course/Module Content:

- 1. Introduction*
- 2. Classic and neo-classical schools of criminology*
- 3. The positive school of criminology*
- 4. Control theories of crime*
- 5. Social disorganization and crime*
- 6. Anomie/strain theories of crime.*
- 7. Differential association and social learning*
- 8. Labeling/social reaction theories of crime*
- 9. summary and integration*

Required Reading:

Paternoster, R., & Bachman, R. (Eds.) (2001). Explaining criminals and crime: Essays in contemporary criminological theory. California: Roxbury Publishing Company.

Additional Reading Material:

שוהם, ש.ג., אדד, מ., ורהב ג. (2004). קרימינולוגיה. תל אביב: הוצאת שוקן.

G. Bruinsma, & D. Weisburd (Eds.) (2014). Encyclopedia of criminology and criminal justice. New York: Springer

Jones, S. (2017). Criminology (6th edition). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 70 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 30 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

Please follow the course website for announcements and instructions.