



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### **CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY - 61800**

*Last update 27-07-2017*

*HU Credits:* 2

*Degree/Cycle:* 2nd degree (Master)

*Responsible Department:* criminology

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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*Coordinator Office Hours:* 09:00-10:00

*Teaching Staff:*

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Dr. Barak Ariel

Course/Module description:

*This is a general introduction course to the major theories of crime. The course will focus on the following aspects: (1) the socio-historical context in which prominent criminological theories develop, (2) the underlying hypotheses of these theories, (3) strengths and weaknesses of each theory, and critical assessment of these bodies of knowledge, (4) empirical evaluation of these theories; and - (5) contemporary theories in criminology*

Course/Module aims:

*The course aims to introduce to advanced students major theories and paradigms in criminology*

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

*Evaluate, compare, critique and present theories in criminology*

Attendance requirements(%):  
100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lectures

Course/Module Content:

1. Introduction
2. Classic and new classic theories (modern theorization of criminal behaviour, deterrence, rational choice)
3. Positivist school (biological, psychological, social)
4. Conflict theories and sub-culture theories
5. Control theories
6. Developmental criminology and desistance theories
7. Labelling theory
8. justice theories (procedural, restorative and retributive justice)
9. place based criminology and ecological explanations to crime
10. radical approaches (Marxism, Abolitionism, feminism, left realism)

Required Reading:

*Williams, F., and McShane, M (2008). Criminology Theory: Selected Classic Reading*

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Additional Reading Material:

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18. Murphy, D. and Robinson, M. (2008). "The Maximizer: Clarifying Merton's theories of anomie and strain." *Theoretical Criminology* 12: 501-521.
19. Rafter, N., (2008). *The Criminal Brain: Understanding Biological Theories of Crime*. NYU Press.

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  21. Sutherland, E. and Cressey, D. (1960). *Principles of Criminology* (6th ed). Philadelphia: Lippencott.
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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: