Syllabus

SOCY 4024 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency

Spring 2017, 3 credits, January 17th to May 8th

TH 11:00am–12:15pm, ENVD 120

# Instructor Information

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# Course Information

Course prerequisites: SOCY 1001 or SOCY 1004 or SOCY 2044 (minimum grade D-); Junior or Senior status (57+ credits).

Course description: Examines the history, incidence and prevalence of delinquent behavior among youth. Approved for arts and sciences core curriculum: contemporary societies.

# Student Learning Outcomes

By the end of the semester, you will be able to:

1. Apply individual, sociological, and developmental views of delinquency to specific cases
2. Compare approaches to delinquency prevention and evaluate their efficacy
3. Locate and summarize current research on specific topics in juvenile delinquency

# Required Course Materials

i>clicker+ student remote. ISBN 978-1464120152.

Siegel, Larry J. and Brandon C. Welsh. 2017. *Juvenile Delinquency: The Core*. 6th ed. Boston, MA: Cengage Learning. ISBN 978-1305577411.

The textbook can be purchased in paperback or electronic versions. You **will** need to purchase the textbook (and clicker) for this course.

# Assessment Attendance (0 points)

Attendance is required. You are expected to be seated in the classroom by 11:00am, and to remain in class until it is dismissed. You may miss **four** classes without penalty. Each additional absence will result in a two percent deduction to your *final grade*. Note, except for religious observances and university-approved athletic absences, all absences will be counted regardless of their cause.

Quizzes (40 points each)  
There will be twelve quizzes, which you will take on D2L by the end of the day assigned. Quizzes consist of multiple choice and short essay questions, intended to assess your comprehension of the assigned reading material. Quizzes can be *accessed* as many times as you would like and have no time limit, but can only be *submitted* once. Quizzes are individual assignments; collaboration is not permitted, and will be considered a violation of the CU Honor code. Quizzes may not be taken late. Your lowest two quiz grades will be dropped, i.e. excluded from your final grade calculations.

## Exit Cards (40 points each)

On weeks 5, 10, and 16, you will submit an “exit card” at the end of class on Thursday of that week. Exit cards provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and provide feedback on the course. If you are not in class when exit cards are collected, you may provide feedback via email for half credit.

## Written Assignments (100 points each)

You will write two short papers, which should be submitted to the appropriate D2L Dropbox by the end of Friday on the weeks assigned (2/17 and 5/5). Detailed instructions can be found on the D2L course page. These papers will require you to apply theories of delinquency to specific cases and problems. You may submit your papers late, but you will incur a five-point deduction for *each day* it is late.

## Presentation (100 points)

During Week 12, you will be responsible for delivering a short group presentation on a delinquency prevention or treatment program to your classmates. Detailed instructions can be found on the D2L course page.

## Evaluations (60 points)

During Week 12, on the day you are not presenting, you will complete evaluations of your peers’ presentations. The evaluations will include summaries of the presentations, general comments, and several evaluation measures. Detailed instructions can be found on the D2L course page. If you are not present in class, you will not be able to make up the evaluations.

## Speaker Question (50 points)

Towards the end of the semester, we will have a guest speaker in the course. You will be required to come up with a question to ask the speaker, which you will submit to a D2L discussion board. You will also need to attend class when the guest speaks to earn full credit for your question (though you don’t need to actually ask your question in class).

## Final Examination (70 points)

On May 8th, there will be a short final examination.

# Course Calendar

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00am to 12:15pm. In addition to attending class, you are responsible for completing the following work by the end of the day indicated:

## Week 1, 1/17–1/21: Childhood and Delinquency

Wednesday: Read textbook Chapter 1  
Friday: Take Quiz 1 on D2L

## Week 2, 1/22–1/28: The Nature and Extent of Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.32-42  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.43-56  
Friday: Take Quiz 2 on D2L

## Week 3, 1/29–2/4: Individual Views of Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.57-71Wednesday: Read textbook pp.71-95  
Friday: Take Quiz 3 on D2L

## Week 4, 2/5–2/11: Sociological Views of Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.96-106  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.107-126  
Friday: Take Quiz 4 on D2L

## Week 5, 2/12–2/18: Developmental Views of Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.127-138  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.138-154  
Thursday: Complete Exit Card 1 (in class)  
Friday: Submit Paper 1 on D2L

## Week 6, 2/19–2/25: Gender and Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.155-163  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.163-178  
Friday: Take Quiz 5 on D2L

## Week 7, 2/26–3/4: The Family and Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.179-192  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.192-207  
Friday: Take Quiz 6 on D2L

## Week 8, 3/5–3/11: Peers and Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.208-227  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.227-236  
Friday: Take Quiz 7 on D2L

## Week 9, 3/12–3/18: Schools and Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.237-248  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.249-268  
Friday: Take Quiz 8 on D2L

## Week 10, 3/19–3/25: Drug Use and Delinquency

Monday: Read textbook pp.269-281  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.281-296  
Thursday: Complete Exit Card 2 (in class)  
Friday: Take Quiz 9 on D2L

## Week 11, 3/26–4/1: Spring Break (no classes)

## Week 12, 4/2–4/8: Delinquency Prevention and Juvenile Justice Today

Monday: Read textbook pp.297-312  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.312-326  
Friday: Take Quiz 10 on D2L

## Week 13, 4/9–4/15: Delinquency Prevention and Juvenile Justice Today

Tuesday: Present or evaluate (in class)  
Thursday: Present or evaluate (in class)

## Week 14, 4/16–4/22: Police Work With Juveniles

Monday: Read textbook pp.327-342  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.342-350  
Friday: Take Quiz 11 on D2L

## Week 15, 4/23–4/29: Juvenile Court Process

Monday: Read textbook Chapter 13  
Wednesday: Submit speaker question to D2L Discussion board  
Friday: Take Quiz 12 on D2L

## Week 16, 4/30–5/6: Juvenile Corrections

Monday: Read textbook pp.384-399  
Wednesday: Read textbook pp.399-416  
Thursday: Complete Exit Card 3 (in class)  
Friday: Submit Paper 2 on D2L

## Week 17, 5/7–5/8: Finals

Monday: Final Exam (due by 7:00pm)

# Grading

Quizzes (10/12): 400 points (40 points each)  
Exit Cards: 120 points (40 points each)  
Papers: 200 points (100 points each)  
Presentation: 100 points  
Evaluation: 60 points  
Speaker Question: 50 points  
Final Examination: 70 points  
Total Points: 1000 points

Your final course grade will be determined as follows:  
930–1000 A  
900–929 A-  
870–899 B+  
830–869 B  
800–829 B-  
770–799 C+  
730–769 C  
700–729 C-  
670–699 D+  
630–669 D  
600–629 D-  
0–599 F

# Using Desire to Learn and Other Technologies

Most assignments are submitted on the course D2L page. You can also monitor your grade, course announcements, and access important course documents (such as the syllabus) on D2L. If you have any difficulties accessing the course page or navigating within D2L, please let the instructor know as soon as possible.

# Accommodation Statement

I am committed to providing everyone the support and services needed to participate in this course. If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to your professor a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner (for exam accommodations provide your letter at least one week prior to the exam) so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or by e-mail at dsinfo@colorado.edu. If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Medical Conditions under Quick Links at the Disability Services website and discuss your needs with me.

# Religious Observances

Campus policy regarding religious observances (<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/observance-religious-holidays-and-absences-classes-andor-exams>) requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required assignments/attendance. If this applies to you, please speak with me directly as soon as possible at the beginning of the term.

# Classroom Behavior

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Those who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, color, culture, religion, creed, politics, veteran’s status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression, age, ability, and nationality. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. For more information, see the policies on class behavior (<http://www.colorado.edu/policies/student-classroom-and-course-related-behavior>) and the student code (http://www.colorado.edu/osc/sites/default/files/attached-files/studentconductcode\_15-16.pdf).

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