

Course Code: SOC 202

Course Title: Sociology of Deviant Behavior

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer

CIP Code: 45.1101

Repeatability: 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Nature and dynamics of deviant behavior in contemporary American society, including alcoholism, suicide, drug addiction, prostitution, mental disorders, juvenile delinquency, and adult crime; major sociological theories of social control, conformity, and deviance.

General Course Objectives

- Provides an in-depth knowledge of deviance and social control through the introduction and application of sociological theory.
- Examines social, cultural, and individual factors that influence deviance and society's efforts to exert social control.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	None	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

This course includes both subjective and objective assessments. A minimum of 6 quizzes/exams are given including a final. A minimum of 15 pages of writing is incorporated along with at least 3 activities and/or application exercises.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Deviance and Social Control: A Sociological Perspective. Third Edition, by Michelle Inderbitzin. 978-1544395777

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Reasoning and Inquiry: Students will demonstrate the ability to solve problems using deductive reasoning and logic, quantitative reasoning, or the scientific method.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction of the Concept of Deviance; Examination of Sociological Theoretical Influences on the Definition of Deviance in Society	1. Define deviance and identify major theoretical perspectives' contributions to our understanding of deviant behavior. 2. Explain and identify the relationship between societal values and norms as they reflect the origin and ongoing processes of behavior that is interpreted as deviant by society. 3. Recognize the role and value of sociological research in the examination of deviance.	3	0	0
Introduction and Examination of Traditional Theoretical Approaches to Understanding Deviance	1. Describe the main ideas and key terms of anomie/strain theory, social disorganization, and social learning theory. 2. Apply key concepts of these theories to explain various types of behavior, including war crimes and delinquent and criminal behavior.	22	0	0
Introduction and Examination of Social Constructionist Theories of Deviance	1. Explain main ideas and concepts of Labeling, Marxist/Conflict, and Critical theories. 2. Explain how society's ideas about issues (interpersonal violence, poverty, homelessness, and racial profiling) are socially constructed.	16	0	0
Societal Responses to Deviance	1. Assess society's approaches to controlling deviance and evaluating the effectiveness of programs and policies.	4	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0