

SYLLABUS

SOC 2210 Sociology of Deviance Fall 2022

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Office Hours: I will answer emails within 24 hours. There is a Virtual Office located in Canvas. You can post questions anytime, but I will real-time monitor this discussion area every Monday from 9:00am to 10:00pm (MST). I also encourage you to make an appointment with me if you need. Zoom meetings are also available by appointment.

Course Description

This course is designed to provide an overview of the study of deviance and social control from multiple sociological perspectives. The instructor will present how sociologists research deviance and social control and the ethical issues involved in studying human subjects involved in these activities. The course also examines central sociological theories for understanding the causes of deviant behavior.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Identify and explain sociological theories of deviance and conformity through academic research, in- class discussions, written assignments, and other methods as necessary
2. Describe and identify the influences of gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, class, nation, and other factors in defining social deviance and social control.
3. Describe how various sociological theories explain deviance and conformity.
4. Identify important ethics and methods issues that arise in the study of deviance and conformity.

Course Materials

Inderbitzin, M., Bates, K.A. & Gainey, R. R. (2017) Deviance and social control: A sociological perspective, (2nd. Ed.). Sage

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Assessments

UNM-conducts ongoing assessments of student learning so that we can continue to improve the curriculum to give students the best education possible. The data collected for this assessment will be selected by the instructor or the department and may come from exams,

projects, or other assignments. The assessment will focus on the learning outcomes in this syllabus (listed above).

The data from this assessment will be collected and reported anonymously. Data summaries will be reported to the department, to the Office of Instruction, and posted on the web. The information collected will be used to make improvements to curriculum and teaching. This assessment is not a reflection of your grade and is not a grading exercise; it is simply an evaluation of how well students are mastering certain skills.

Instructional Methods

Welcome to our class! Online classes are very fast paced. If you have completed online courses, you already know this fact. If you are new to online classes, you will soon learn what the others already know. The key is to not panic. Stay up with your readings, plan some time to study, complete your work on time, and add to the class discussion. These things will take you down the road to success.

Let me start with a discussion concerning what I expect from each of you in this class. Online classes can be a bit confusing. I hope this introduction helps clear up some of that confusion.

Discussion Assignments

1. There will be two (2) discussion assignments in each Learning Module. Additionally, there will be one (1) introduction discussion in the “Start Here” area due the first week of class.
2. Each discussion will open on Sunday at 11:59pm. You must post your initial post answering the discussion question no later than Wednesday at 11:59pm. This will leave the remaining time for replies to classmates before closing on Sunday at 11:59pm.
2. You are required to reply to no less than 3 of your classmate’s posts. You must post your initial answer to each discussion question before you will be allowed to reply to classmates. Refer to the Discussion Grading Rubric located in the Rubrics folder in the “Start Here” area for more details.
3. You must cite any work in the discussion assignments that is not originally yours. Use in-text citations and a reference section if you use source material in your discussion posts.

Thought Papers

1. There will be one (1) writing assignment in Learning Modules 1 and 3.
2. The Thought Paper assignments can be turned in any time before the Learning Module closes.
3. The Thought Paper assignments must be turned in using the submission area on the Blackboard platform.

Reading Journals

1. There will be one (1) reading journal assignment in Learning Modules 2 and 4.
2. The Reading Journal assignments can be turned in any time before the Learning Module closes.
3. The Reading Journal assignments must be turned in using the submission area on the Blackboard platform.

Grades and Grading Policies

Evaluation will be based on the following course activities and components:

Discussions: 9 @ 5 points each = 45 points (13%)

Reading Journals: 2 @ 100 points each = 200 points (58%)

Thought Papers: 2 @ 50 points each = 100 points (29%)

Note: See the "Rubrics" in the "Modules" tab for details concerning the grading of the assignments.

The grades will be based on the following scale:

A+ = 97 – 100%, A = 93 – 96%, A- = 90 – 92%

B+ = 87 – 89%, B = 83 – 86%, B- = 80 – 82%

C+ = 77 – 79%, C = 73 – 76%, C- = 70 – 72%

D+ = 67 – 69%, D = 63 – 66%, D- = 60 – 62%

Below 60% = F

Late assignments will be handled on a case-by-case bases. There are times when life just gets in the way. Contact me if you feel you will be late on an assignment so that arrangements can be made to deal with your situation.

Additional Thoughts Concerning Discussions

You may find it useful to respond as you read the posts and your thoughts are fresh. At times, you may want to think about a response for a day or two before adding your post. It is often best to compose your discussion and responses off line using a word processor. This allows you to take your time composing your work. An additional advantage to this method is that you will be able to check the work for spelling and grammar. If you complete your responses this way you will also have a saved record of all your submissions.

You may choose to answer a post directly from the discussion board. Be sure to review your work for clarity and spelling before you hit the submit button.

You are expected to be the sole author of your work. If you use the work of someone else you must properly cite and reference that contribution. This requirement includes Internet materials. Be especially careful when you use the Internet as a source. Be sure to recognize all copyrights. Penalties for plagiarism are extensive. They can range from non-acceptance of the work to expulsion.

Be courteous in your discussions. Do not post anything illegal, erotic, harassing, threatening, embarrassing, racially or ethnically offensive or insensitive.

I will not respond to every post. I want to let the class develop its own paths. When necessary, I will join in. This may be to add material, provide guidance, encourage, or to redirect. I will read each and every post.

There will be four (4) Learning Modules in this course. Each Learning Module will open and close at 11:59pm according to the following schedule:

Learning Module 1: Introduction & Researching Deviance (22 August - 18 September)

Learning Module 2: Strain/Anomie, Differential Association, and Social Disorganization (19 September - 16 October)

Learning Module 3: Social Control and Labeling Deviance (17 October - 6 November)

Learning Module 4: Conflict and Critical Theories of Deviance (7 November - 11 December)

Assignment Due Dates:

Discussion A Due: Initial post to discussion question, 24 August at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 28 August at 11:59pm.

Module 1:

Discussion B Due: Initial post to discussion question, 31 August at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 4 September at 11:59pm.

Discussion C Due: Initial post to discussion question, 7 September at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 11 September at 11:59pm.

Thought Paper 1 Due: 18 September

Module 2:

Discussion D Due: Initial post to discussion question, 28 September at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 2 October at 11:59pm.

Discussion E Due: Initial post to discussion question, 5 October at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 9 October at 11:59pm.

Reading Journal 1 Due: 16 October

Module 3:

Discussion F Due: Initial post to discussion question, 26 October at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 30 October at 11:59pm.

Discussion G Due: Initial post to discussion question, 2 November at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 6 November at 11:59pm.

Thought Paper 2 Due: 6 November

Module 4:

Discussion H Due: Initial post to discussion question, 16 November at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 20 November at 11:59pm.

Discussion I Due: Initial post to discussion question, 30 November at 11:59pm; Replies to classmates 4 December at 11:59pm.

Reading Journal 2 Due: 11 December

Academic Honesty Policy

You are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity in academic and professional matters. The University reserves the right to take disciplinary action, including dismissal, against any student who is found responsible for academic dishonesty. Any student who has been judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty in course work may receive a reduced or failing grade for the work in question and/or for the course. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty on quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others (plagiarism); and hindering the academic work of other students. A brief guide to what constitutes plagiarism and how to avoid it can be found here: <http://losalamos.unm.edu/library/docs/avoiding-plagiarism.pdf>.

Email Etiquette

When emailing a professor:

1. Include your class and what the email is regarding in the subject line.
2. Address your professor appropriately using their professional title (Hi Dr. Gadberry). And don't misspell their name.
3. Try to keep the email brief and to the point.
4. Write in a positive tone.
5. Be clear about what you are asking. Do not ask for extra credit or for me to change your grade at the end of the semester.
6. Check for spelling, punctuation, and grammar errors before clicking Send.
7. Use a professional font, not decorative.
8. Use sentence case. DO NOT USE ALL CAPITAL LETTERS, all lower case letters, or lots of colors.
9. Do not use "text speak" in an email. In other words, use complete and grammatically correct sentences.
10. Keep graphic symbols/emojis to a minimum and use only when appropriate.
11. Use a signature (identify yourself) that includes contact information.
12. Re-read your message before sending it.

You should check Announcements each time you log in to the online classroom. You will receive information about campus emergencies via LoboAlerts. Confirm that you are signed up to receive notifications on <http://loboalerts.unm.edu>.