COURSE OUTLINE

DEVIAN'T BEHAVIOR

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COURSE OBJECTIVES: To gain a general understanding of the causes and consequences of deviation in the American social system. Examining the characteristics of certain deviant types and processes of becoming deviant pursues these understandings.


EXAMINATIONS: Minimally, four (4) subjective type (essay) test including approximately, ten (10) items. Each examination is final over material covered since the previous quiz. That is to say, once tested the student is no longer responsible for this unit of material.

TERM ASSIGNMENT: An original research dealing with a deviant type of individual (armed robber, drug dealer, prostitute, alcoholic, drug addict, etc.) or a deviant venue (crack house, the streets, houses of prostitution, bars and public places that cater to individuals with differing sexual orientations, etc.). When you have decided on a topic you are expected to find twelve (12) research articles dealing with it (a good place to begin your search for articles is with the list of references found at the end of each chapter of your text). If you have questions about the appropriateness of your sources, please discuss this with me. Using Sociological Abstracts, a database found on the web-page of the Monroe Library (main university library) begin your search for the articles. In order to avoid collecting articles that are redundant in content, your twelve articles should be divided into three general categories. About one-third of your selections should explore the topic conceptually. For example, you need to know precisely what the concept alcoholic means before you proceed to identify the context within which it is manifest. The next one-third of you selections should look at the topic analytically and comparatively. For example, what are the elements of social situations that produce alcoholism (analysis) and what social situations do not (comparison). The final third of your selections should look at application. For example, what has been practically tried to reduce alcoholic behavior in certain social situations. The articles you select, but not precisely four for each area should cover all of these areas.

Your assignment is to abstract the articles you have collected. Your abstracts should be accomplished in one page (approximately 250 words). The abstract of the article must follow the following outline.

a. Citation: (this appears at the top of the page) author, title of article; title of
b. **Thesis:** Theme or problem addressed in the article. In no more than three sentences, "what is the article about?"

c. **Previous Research:** How has the thesis, theme or problem been addressed in the past? In three sentences, "How has the problem, etc., been studied before?" In some instances, where appropriate, this section may deal with the nature and extent of the problem.

d. **Research Methodology:** How does the present author propose to study the problem? In three sentences discuss the methodology and research techniques employed by the author. Where appropriate, this section may deal with proposals for solving the problem.

e. **Findings:** What are the results of the author's study? In three sentences summarize the findings (results) of the article. Where appropriate, this might include recommendations for a course of action based on the results.

f. **Conclusions:** Summarize the conclusions drawn by the author. What implications does the author see from the results of the research reported in the article. In no more than three sentences sum up the article.

g. **Critique:** (Optional) What were the strengths (weaknesses) of the article from the point of view conceptualizing the problem, designing the approach, analyzing the results, drawing conclusions and discussing the implications.

After you have completed your abstracts, put the material aside and compose a brief essay (equivalent 2 pages double-spaced) answering the question, "What did I find out about ?"

**CLASS ATTENDANCE:** Class attendance is required and rewarded.

**Course Policies:** Attendance is expected for all classes. If you must be absent, it is your responsibility to keep up with the progress of the course. A late term assignment (by one day or one year) will result in an automatic 10% reduction in the grade for that assignment. Make-up examinations are given only under extraordinary circumstances. Please make every effort to take the examinations when they are scheduled. **The make-up is always more difficult than the regularly scheduled examination.**

**GRADING:**

Examinations------------------------ 60%

Term Assignment ------------------ 30%
Class Attendance
and Participation ------------------- 10%

**Grading Scale:** 93-100= A; 88-92= B+; 83-87= B; 78-82= C+;
73-77=C; 68-72=D+; 63-67=D; 62 and below=F.

(You are required to turn in this document with your second examination)

**RESEARCH PROJECT CONTRACT**

Name of Student

Title of Project

Main Research Sources: (title of journals and books, etc.)

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Instructor's Comments--------------------------------------------

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Assignments and Lectures: I have provided an outline for each of your lectures in this course with space provided for your notes (if any). You will find it useful to have read the assigned material before coming to class.

First week

Course Orientation
Perspectives on Deviant Behavior I
Assignment: Chapter 1.

Introductory Remarks

University Research Resources

Who/What is Deviant

The Classical Approach to Deviance

The Positivist Approach to Deviance
The Problem with a Sociobiology of Deviance

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Second Week

Perspectives on Deviance II
Chapter 2 and 3,

Economic Influences

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Social Disorganization/Anomie

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Subcultures of Deviance

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Control Theories

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Ecological Approaches

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Why is Certain Behavior Deviant?

Labeling Perspective

Conflict Perspective

Once Again: What is Deviant?

Interest Group Conflict and Deviance
Third Week
(E-mailed examination must be turned in)

Crimes against the Person
Assignment: Chapter 4.

The Problems of Measuring Crime

Murder and Aggravated Assault

Garden Variety Murder

Serial, Multiple, Wanton Murder

Forcible Rape

Crimes against Property
Assignment: Chapter 5.

Robbery
Burglary

Motor Vehicle Theft

Larceny-Theft

Arson

The rip-off Philosophy
Fourth Week
(1st exam covering chap. 4 & 5)

Child and Spouse Abuse
Assignment: Chapter 6.

Physical Abuse of Children

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Spouse Abuse

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Sexual Abuse of Children

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Elderly Abuse: A problem or "trend story"?

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Deviance in Organizations
Assignment: Chapter 7

Employee Theft

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Police Corruption and the problem of Abuse of Power

Corporate Deviance

Organized Crime

Fifth Week

Deviant Drug Use I: Alcohol
Assignment: Chapter 8.

Deviant Drug Use: General Considerations

Alcohol as a Drug

Alcohol Use, Deviance and Conflict
Problem Drinking vs. Alcoholism

Deviant Drug Use II: Other Drugs
Assignment: Chapter 8.
Opium, Opium Alkaloids, and Synthetics

Drug Dependence: Non-narcotic agents

Control and Treatment?

Sixth Week
(2nd Examination during the first 30 minutes of class. Chap. 6-7-8.)

Mental Disorders I
Assignment: Chapter 9.
What is Mental Disorder?

Correlates of Mental Disorder
Disease or Label?

Mental Illness and the Law

Psychotic Disorders: Schizophrenia and Deviant Behavior

Psychotic Disorders: Major Affective Disorders and Deviant Behavior

Personality Disorders: Antisocial Personality and Deviant Behavior

Suicide
Seventh Week

Sexual Deviance
Assignment: Chapter 11

Prostitution

Homosexuality

Other Forms of Sexual Deviance

Eighth Week

Summing Up

(3rd examination during the final thirty minutes of class. Chapter 9-11)