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Office Hours: MWF: 1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.; TR: 2:10 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.
Course Meeting Times and Location: MWF 2:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m., ENGC 113

TAMUK 2017-2018 Undergraduate Catalog Description, Including Prerequisites: 4340. Topics in Criminology. 3(3-0) “Literature and research in the area of criminology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. Topics will vary according to needs, interests and capability of the instructor. May be repeated once for credit when topic differs. Prerequisite: 6 semester hours of Criminology.”

4308. Selected Topics in Sociology. 3(3-0) “Literature and research in areas of sociology not otherwise treated in depth in available courses. May be repeated once for credit when topics differ. Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of Sociology.”

Student Learning Objectives: This course will analyze the theoretical and methodological paradigms of law and society. After completing this course you should be able to discuss and apply the major concepts and theories associated with the field of law and society. This course should also help you to improve your social scientific writing skills.

**Required Textbook
ASIN: B00400OHJQ
Retail Price: $24.49

Blackboard: This course has a Blackboard shell with associated content. It is your responsibility to regularly check the course Blackboard site for announcements and other materials.

E-mail Policy: When e-mailing the instructor please use Blackboard or your TAMUK e-mail account. You will need to provide your first and last name (as they appear on the class roster), and indicate the class in which you are enrolled (e.g. Crim 4340-002). If you do not follow this protocol, you may not receive a response from the instructor.

Policies for Attendance/Excused Absences, Participation, and Testing: Attendance and participation are not part of your grade. However, you are strongly encouraged to attend class
and engage in class discussions as the exams and possible extra credit assignments will draw on this information. Moreover, additional reading and writing assignments that are not listed in the syllabus may be given during class time. \textit{Please note that you are responsible for material covered and assignments given during class time regardless of whether or not you are in attendance.} If you miss a class, you should obtain the material covered that day from a fellow classmate. Do not ask the instructor to provide you with the materials that you missed. Excused absences will be given at the discretion of the instructor. Instances of academic misconduct/dishonesty will be handled in accordance with university policy.

On exam days, if you need to leave the classroom for any reason (e.g. to use the restroom, get a drink of water, etc.) please do so before you begin your exam or after you have finished. If you have an emergency and it is absolutely necessary for you to leave the room while you are taking the exam you must obtain permission from the instructor and leave any and all portable electronic devices and/or class notes on or near your desk or with the instructor. (The instructor will not be responsible for items that are lost, stolen, or damaged.) If you leave the room during an exam without following these instructions your score for that exam will be a zero (“0”).

\textbf{Makeup Exams}: Makeup exams will be given at the discretion of the instructor. All makeup exams will be given at 3:00 p.m. on Study Day—Thursday December 7th, 2017. If the instructor gives you permission to take a makeup exam, you will need to send the instructor an e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 30th, 2017 stating your intention to take the makeup exam, the title of the class for which the makeup exam is needed, and the exam that you missed. Then, you will need to go to Manning 216 at the designated time. Makeup exams will consist solely of essay questions. Thus, no Scantron form is needed.

\textbf{General Classroom Policies}: While class is in session you may use a laptop computer, or other electronic device to take notes and/or search for materials relevant to the class discussion. However, you must not engage in disruptive conduct (e.g. arriving to class late, sending text messages during class, speaking out of turn). Instances of disruptive conduct will be handled in accordance with university policy.

\textbf{***Methods of Evaluation and Grading Procedures}: Your course grade will be based on three components—two midterm exams and a final exam. Each of the midterm exams will consist of multiple-choice questions and a short essay component. The final exam will also include an essay component as well as multiple choice and/or short answer questions. Unless otherwise noted, the multiple choice and short answer questions will be worth 2 points each. The point value of the essay questions will vary. Responses to the essay questions will be graded equally on form and content. For each exam, you will need a Scantron form and a #2 pencil.

\textbf{Extra Credit}: The instructor may provide one or more extra credit opportunities during the semester. The extra credit point totals will be posted on Blackboard at the end of the semester.

\textbf{Grade Distribution}:

Midterm Exams: Two Midterm Exams, 100 points each. (200 points total)
Final Exam: 100 points
Course Total: 300 points
Grading Scale:
90%-100% = A
80%-89% = B
70%-79% = C
60%-69% = D
0%-59% = F

Grade Discussions: You are welcome to discuss your grades with the instructor. For this you will need to visit with the instructor in Manning 216 during regularly scheduled office hours. Due to security and privacy concerns, individual student grades will not be discussed via e-mail or during class time.


Course Schedule and Reading Assignments:
Week 1: August 23rd—August 25th
Topic: Class Overview/ Syllabus
Reading Assignment: Syllabus

Week 2: August 28th—September 1st
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 1

Week 3: September 5th—September 8th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 2
(September 4th: Labor Day Holiday)

Week 4: September 11th—September 15th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 3

Week 5: September 18th—September 22nd
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 4 and Study for Midterm Exam 1

Week 6: September 25th—September 29th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 5

Midterm Exam 1

Week 7: October 2nd—October 6th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 6
Week 8: October 9th — October 13th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Chapter 6

Week 9: October 16th — October 20th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Read Dyck, Conclusion

Week 10: October 23rd — October 27th
Topic: Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Selected Readings in Drugs and Social Control and Study for Midterm Exam 2

Week 11: October 30th — November 3rd
Topic: Current Issues in Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Selected Readings in Drugs and Social Control

**Midterm Exam 2**

Week 12: November 6th — November 10th
Topic: Current Issues in Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Selected Readings in Drugs and Social Control

Week 13: November 13th — November 17th
Topic: Current Issues in Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Selected Readings in Drugs and Social Control

Week 14: November 20th — November 22nd
Topic: Current Issues in Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Selected Readings in Drugs and Social Control
(November 23rd-24th: Thanksgiving Holiday)

Week 15: November 27th — December 1st
Topic: Current Issues in Drugs and Social Control
Assignment: Selected Readings in Drugs and Social Control and Study for Final Exam

Week 16: December 4th — December 7th (Dead Week)
Topic: Review for final exam.
Reading Assignment: Study for Final Exam
(December 6th: Last Class Day; December 7th: Study Day [No Classes])

**The Final Exam will be given on Friday, December 8th from 1:20 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.**

*This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

** Additional required reading assignments will be given throughout the semester.

***Final grades will be posted by 12:00 p.m. on Monday December 18th, 2017.