Course Summary

Course: SOCI215  Title: Social Deviance  
Length of Course: 8  
Prerequisites: N/A  Credit Hours: 3

Description

Course Description: This course is a critical examination of the relationship between deviance and social control. It will include how and why certain forms of behavior come to be known as deviant, it will analyze the nature of formal and informal responses to deviance, and explain the interaction of different social control institutions. Special attention will be given to an overview of general theories of deviance, and the particular forms it takes.

Course Scope:

This course will be important to the social science major or persons taking it because it will cover many areas of deviant behavior not limited to social deviance, criminal deviance and others areas as noted in the class syllabus and objectives.

Objectives

CO1. Define deviance as well as discuss it from a social standing.  
CO2. Examine theories of deviance.  
CO3. Identify trends in deviance as it has changed through the past few decades.  
CO4. Explain why norms change so drastically, thus deviant behavior may become the norm.  
CO5. Examine pros and cons of learning about deviant behavior for an undergraduate degree.  
CO6. Apply course concepts to support opinions about deviance.

Outline

Week 1:

Course Objective

1,2
Week 1 Lesson

In Deviant Behavior by Goode read:

Ch 1 – Introduction

Assignment(s)

Introduction Forum

Week 1 Forum

Week 1 Quiz.

Week 2:

Course Objective

1,2

Materials

Week 2 Lesson

In Deviant Behavior by Goode, read:

Ch 2 – Explaining Deviant Behavior: Positivist Theories

Ch 3 – Constructionist
Perspectives of Deviance

Assignment(s)

Week 2 Forum

Week 2 Quiz

Assignment One

Week 3:

Course Objective

3,4

Materials

Week 3 Lesson

In Deviant Behavior by Goode, read:

Ch 4 – Studying Deviance: Research Methods

Ch 5 – Criminal Behavior
Assignment(s)
Week 3 Forum
Week 3 Quiz

**Week 4:**

Course Objective
3, 4

Materials

**Week 4 Lesson**

In Deviant Behavior by Goode read:

**Ch 6 – Violence**

**Ch 7 – Alcohol Abuse**

**Ch 8 – Illicit Drug Use**

Assignment(s)

Week 4 Forum
Week 4 Quiz

**Week 5:**

Course Objective
3, 4

Materials

**Week 5 Lesson**

In Deviant Behavior by Goode, read:

**Ch 9 – Sexual Deviance**

**Ch 11 – Cognitive Deviance: Unconventional Beliefs**

Assignment(s)

Week 5 Forum

Week 5 Quiz

Assignment Two

**Week 6:**
Course Objective
2,3,4

Materials

**Week 6 Lesson**

In Deviant Behavior by Goode, read:

**Ch 12** – Mental Disorder

**Ch 13** – Physical Characteristics as Deviance

Assignment(s)
Week 6 Forum
Week 6 Quiz

Recommended Optional Reading
Recommended Media

**Week 7:**

Course Objective
3,5,6

Materials

**Week 7 Lesson**

In Deviant Behavior by Goode, read:

**Ch 10** – Deviant Organizational Behavior

Assignment(s)
Week 7 Forum

Week 7 Quiz

**Week 8:**

Course Objective
3,5,6

Materials

**Week 8 Lesson**

Assignment(s)
Week 8 Forum
Week 8 Quiz

Assignment Three

Evaluation

Quizzes:
This course includes Quizzes, located under the Tests & Quizzes tab in the classroom. Quizzes are designed to facilitate engagement with the course textbook.

Forums:
Participation in classroom dialogue on threaded Forums is required. Forums are scheduled weekly and found in the Forums tab in the classroom. Initial Forum posts are due Thursdays, peer responses are due Sundays. Specific instructions and the grading rubric are located on each Forum.

Assignments
This course includes three Assignments. Instructions and specific grading rubrics are found under the Assignments tab in our classroom.

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**Book Title:** Deviant Behavior, 9th Ed - The VitalSource e-book is provided via the APUS Bookstore; hard copy not available from the APUS Bookstore, please try other sources.

**Author:** Goode, E

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**School of Arts & Humanities Late Policy**

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Work posted or submitted after the assignment due date will be reduced by 10% of the potential total score possible for each day late up to a total of five days, including forum posts/replies, quizzes, and assignments. **Beginning on the sixth day late through the end of the course, late work, including forum posts/replies, quizzes, and assignments, will be accepted with a grade reduction of 50% of the potential total score earned.**

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Assignments are automatically submitted to Turnitin.com within the course. Turnitin.com will analyze an assignment submission and report a similarity score. Your assignment submission is automatically processed through the assignments area of the course when you submit your work.

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