

For students admitted from 2018/2019 onwards

SOCY7700 CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This course provides an overview of the nature and extent of crime, the causes of criminal behavior, crime typologies and measurements, and the criminal justice system. The course takes an international approach, reviewing knowledge and theories about crime and assessing the effectiveness of crime prevention and offender treatment programmes in major social and cultural contexts.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7701 CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORIES

This course will consider historical and contemporary explanations of crime and criminal behavior. Theories covered include strain, control, cultural, labeling, conflict, as well as more recent attempts at theoretical integration and multidisciplinary integration.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7703 APPLIED STATISTICS

This course represents an introduction to statistical methods for analysing empirical data. Students will learn basic and advanced methods for quantitative and qualitative data analyses, gain experience in using statistical software, and apply their statistical knowledge and technical skills to real datasets in criminology and criminal justice.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7704 POLICING

The course is an introduction to the study of modern policing from its 19th century origins to current controversies about community relations, public order, miscarriages of justice and the possible futures of police-work. It provides historical, social and political analysis of the roles and functions of policing. And it engages some current controversies about community policing, accountability, public order, private security and the future of police work.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7705 CORRECTIONS

The course examines the prison and issues of corrections in terms of historical development and current applications. It examines various perspectives and definitions of social control; philosophical underpinnings of the system; and prisoner and societal implications of social control. We deal with the history, forms, and functions of correctional philosophies, institutions, programmes, and policies. Topics include the structure and functions of prisons and jails, community corrections, intermediate sanctions, and the growth of correctional control in modern society.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7710 RESEARCH METHODS

This course is a postgraduate level seminar designed to increase knowledge of research methods commonly used in social science research. Through lecture, discussion and class activities, this course will introduce different methods of conducting research. The seminar will focus on issues related to theory development, hypothesis formation, variable construction, research design, sampling methodology and the techniques and methods of data collection. Students will write a research proposal that details a research question and the research design appropriate for addressing that question.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7711 COMPARATIVE CRIMINOLOGY

We study selected criminal justice systems in other jurisdictions, including the organization, administration and operation of criminal justice agencies in the United States, Europe, the United Kingdom, and Asia.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7712 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION

This course provides students with a survey of the historical context of the legislative initiatives that have been attempted to combat the use of drugs, the relationship between drug use/abuse and crime, and the public policy problems surrounding the control of drugs. We describe major drugs, what effects they have, their methods of use, their prevalence, production and marketing and common street names. The course analyzes the composition, manufacture, use, and misuse of drugs (including alcohol); their relationship to criminality, and current responses by governmental and private organizations. Exposure to treatment programmes may be required.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7713 ADVANCED STATISTICS

The course is designed to help students to master advanced quantitative methods used in the social sciences, and to facilitate them learning more advanced methods. The main topics that will be covered in depth during this semester include ANOVA, simple and multiple regression, logistic regression, and Poisson regression.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7714 CRIME PREVENTION

This course is about ways of crime control in global perspectives. The course will provide a concise and up-to-date account of crime control and prevention theory, practice and research. The course will also discuss in an informed and critical way about what has been and might be done in practice to prevent crime at local and national levels. This course will focus on crime reduction mechanisms and encourage students to critically think about issues on crime prevention.
Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7715 CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY

This course focuses on biological, environmental, cognitive, and personality factors that influence delinquency and crime. Major topics of discussion will include psychopathology, maladjustment patterns, psychoses, personality disorders, cognitive development, and alcohol and drug dependency, and the relationships between these factors and criminal behavior. The course will also cover offender profiling, sexual violence, and psychological treatment of delinquents and criminal offenders.

Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7720 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE I

This course is designed to provide up to date development in research and practice on certain topics in criminology and criminal justice field.

Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7721 SPECIAL TOPICS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE II

This course examines selected topics and recent developments in research, policy, and practices in the areas of criminology and criminal justice.

Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7996 APPLIED THESIS

An applied thesis emphasizes on application of knowledge in solving practical needs or problems. The thesis may be based on a project or professional activity designed or executed by the student as a way of solving a problem related to crime and criminal justice.

Pre-requisite: None

SOCY7999 ACADEMIC THESIS

An academic thesis is a scholarly work that demonstrates substantial capacity on the part of the student to engage in independent investigation. In order to satisfy thesis requirements, students must pose an original research question and apply appropriate methods of scholarship and methodology to that question in order to generate new knowledge.

Pre-requisite: None