

CULT 1006 CRIME, DEVIANCE AND SOCIETY (WSTC)

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 700156

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Description This subject introduces the major approaches to the study of criminology and the sociology of deviance. It considers the ways in which social order is produced, maintained and transgressed from a range of perspectives, including the Chicago school, labelling and deviance theory, Marxism, feminism and queer theory. These perspectives are explored through a discussion of contemporary issues and controversies, such as crime in Western Sydney, the media and moral panic, the criminalisation of HIV transmission, Indigenous incarceration, and alcohol and drug abuse. The subject also addresses the politics of law and order and the resurgence of neo-liberalism in debates over crime and deviance.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Criminology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

Check your fees via the Fees (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/fees/) page.

Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects CULT 1009 Introduction to Criminology CULT 1005 Crime Deviance and Society LGYB 0467 Introduction to Criminology (UWSC)

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at The College to enrol in this subject. Students enrolled in Extended Diploma College programs must have passed 40 credit points of the preparatory subjects in these programs in order to register in this subject. Students enrolled in Integrated Diploma/Bachelor programs must have passed or be enrolled in the preparatory subjects in these programs in order to register in this subject.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Assess the major theories in the criminology and sociology of deviance.
2. Identify meanings and examples of key concept and theories.
3. Discuss the ways in which social norms, concepts of crime and deviance are socially and culturally constructed.
4. Demonstrate in written form the relevance of theories of crime and deviance to understanding contemporary social and political debates.
5. Apply research skills to select and evaluate sources for use in academic writing.

Subject Content

Deviance and positivism
The criminogenic city
Durkheim and strain
Youth and subculture

Radical deviance and labelling theory
Marxism, poverty and class
Feminism and critical masculinity theory
Ethnicity, race and post-colonialism
Culture and deviance as edgework
Sexuality, Foucault and disciplining bodies
Globalisation and neo-liberalism
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Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	3 x 10 questions each	15	N	Individual	N
Reflection	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Annotated Bibliography	500 words	15	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,500 words	35	N	Individual	N

Teaching Periods

Term 1 (2024)

Bankstown City

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Term 2 (2024)

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