Deviant Behavior and Social Problems (SOCI 1306 2A1)

CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION
Online

PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:
None

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Sociology 1306 is an examination of major social problems in our world today. Global focuses may include internet deviance, genocide and terrorism. Domestic focuses may include crime, drug abus, mental disorders, suicide, rape and child molestation.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Acquire and use information in the social science area of social problems.
2. Think creatively, make decisions, and know how to reason in reference to deviant behavior recognition and interpretation.

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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MONDAY: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
TUESDAY: 10:00 am – 10:30 am
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
THURSDAY: 10:00 am – 10:30 am
FRIDAY: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Approved: August 2024

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS
Deviant Behavior by Alex Thio, Jim Taylor & Martin Schwartz, 11th edition, PEARSON Publishers.
- ISBN number is 10: 0-205-20516X
Writing Materials for Class and Online assignments.
Knowledge of the use of the Internet and use of You Tube and Blackboard for submitting assignments, research projects and taking all Course Exams**.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY
Students must sign in a minimum of three times per week online Blackboard. Participation is assessed through submission of assignments and weekly log-in activity. Activities may consist of class assignments, group activities and individual analysis of information from various sources including the text. However, six unexcused absences will result in a 50% grade reduction in the Participation/Attendance Grade

DROP POLICY
If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the Academic Calendar. If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an "F" in the course.

COURSE CALENDAR
Below schedule subject to change.

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
Week 1	Course introduction and policies	Orientation *Textbook:* Chapter 1 September 14, 2023	September 20, 2024
Week 2	What is Deviant Behavior? Conflicting Definitions, Theories of Deviance	*Textbook:* Chapter 2 September 20, 2024	September 20, 2024
Week 3	What is Deviant Behavior? Conflicting Definitions, Theories of Deviance	*Textbook:* Chapter 3 September 20, 2024	September 20, 2024
Week 4	Positive Theories, Social Learning and Control Theory Labeling and Conflict Theories	*Textbook:* Chapter 4 September 20, 2024	September 20, 2024
Week 5	Physical Violence	*Textbook:* Chapter 5 October 18, 2024	October 18, 2024
Week 6	Rape and Child Molestation Patterns of Rape, Consequences of Rape	*Textbook:* Chapter 6 October 18, 2024	October 18, 2024
Week 7	Continued-A Global Perspective on Wartime Rape, Why Men Rape	*Textbook:* Chapter 7 October 18, 2024	October 18, 2024

Week 8	Family Violence	*Textbook:* Chapter 8 October 18, 2024	October 18, 2024
Week 9	Continued, Marital Rape, Wife Beating, Child Abuse	*Textbook:* Chapter 9 November 15, 2024	November 15, 2024
Week 10	Suicide, Groups with Higher Suicide Rates, A Social Profile of Suicide Bombers	*Textbook:* Chapter 10 November 15, 2024	November 15, 2024
Week 11	Mental Disorders	*Textbook:* Chapter 11 November 15, 2024	November 15, 2024
Week 12	Gays and Other Victims of Stigma Substance Use and Abuse	*Textbook:* Chapter 12 November 15, 2024	November 15, 2024
Week 13	Gays and Other Victims of Stigma Substance Use and Abuse	*Textbook:* Chapter 13 December 3, 2024	December 3, 2024
Week 14	Drinking and Alcoholism Privileged Deviance	*Textbook:* Chapter 14 December 3, 2024	December 3, 2024
Week 15	Underprivileged Deviance Internet Deviance	*Textbook:* Chapter 15 December 3, 2024	December 3, 2024
Week 16	Course Review and Final Exam Review		December 3, 2024

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- 3 Exams + 1 Final: 20 %

- Course Project: 20 %

- Assignments: 50 %

- Participation: 5 %

- Attendance: 5 %

GRADE SCALE
- 90-100   A
- 80-89   B
- 70-79   C
- 60-69   D
- 0-59   F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology (lit.edu).

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

AI STATEMENT

Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT) recognizes the recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), such as ChatGPT, have changed the landscape of many career disciplines and will impact many students in and out of the classroom. To prepare students for their selected careers, LIT desires to guide students in the ethical use of these technologies and incorporate AI into the classroom instruction and assignments appropriately. Appropriate use of these technologies is at the discretion of the instructor. Students are reminded that all submitted work must be their own original work unless otherwise specified. Students should contact their instructor with any questions as to the acceptable use of AI/ChatGPT in their courses.

STARFISH

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home

page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

1. EXAMS – All Exams will be administered on BLACKBOARD.
2. ASSIGNMENTS – All Assignments will be submitted via BLACKBOARD.
3. COURSE PROJECT – The Course Project will be submitted via BLACKBOARD.
4. Participation/Attendance – Participation is assessed through assignments or exercises completed online. Activities may consist of class assignments or individual analysis of information from various sources including the text. However, six unexcused absences will result in a 50% grade reduction in the Participation/Attendance Grade.
5. Students should log in to BLACKBOARD a minimum of three times a week to view announcements, to view exam dates for availability and due dates for exam completion, check e-mail, etc.
6. The Course Calendar is subject to change without prior notice.