

SOCI 1306 2A1

Sociology (Deviant Behavior and Social Problems)



**LAMAR INSTITUTE
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INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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WEDNESDAY: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
THURSDAY: 9:00 am – 9:30 am
FRIDAY: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

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.

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.

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.

STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
Week 1	Course introduction and policies	Orientation <i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 1 February 17, 2023	February 17, 2023
Week 2	What is Deviant Behavior? Conflicting Definitions, Theories of Deviance	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 2 February 17, 2023	February 17, 2023
Week 3	What is Deviant Behavior? Conflicting Definitions, Theories of Deviance	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 3 February 17, 2023	February 17, 2023
Week 4	Positive Theories, Social Learning and Control Theory Labeling and Conflict Theories	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 4 February 17, 2023	February 17, 2023
Week 5	Physical Violence	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 5 March 24, 2023	March 24, 2023
Week 6	Rape and Child Molestation Patterns of Rape, Consequences of Rape	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 6 March 24, 2023	March 24, 2023

Week 7	Continued-A Global Perspective on Wartime Rape, Why Men Rape	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 7 March 24, 2023	March 24, 2023
Week 8	Family Violence	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 8 March 24, 2023	March 24, 2023
Week 9	Continued, Marital Rape, Wife Beating, Child Abuse	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 9 April 21, 2023	April 21, 2023
Week 10	Suicide, Groups with Higher Suicide Rates, A Social Profile of Suicide Bombers	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 10 April 21, 2023	April 21, 2023
Week 11	Mental Disorders	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 11 April 21, 2023	April 21, 2023
Week 12	Gays and Other Victims of Stigma Substance Use and Abuse	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 12 April 21, 2023	April 21, 2023
Week 13	Gays and Other Victims of Stigma Substance Use and Abuse	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 13 April 30, 2023	April 30, 2023
Week 14	Drinking and Alcoholism Privileged Deviance	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 14 April 30, 2023	April 30, 2023
Week 15	Underprivileged Deviance Internet Deviance	<i>Textbook:</i> Chapter 15 April 30, 2023	April 30, 2023
Week 16	Course Review and Final Exam Review		April 30, 2023

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

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

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.

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. The Course Calendar is subject to change without prior notice.