CULT 1005 CRIME, DEVIANCE AND SOCIETY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102039

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Description This subject introduces students to the theory and practice 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 post-colonial theory. These perspectives are explored through a discussion of contemporary issues and controversies, such as terrorism, asylum seeking, the criminalisation of protest, Indigenous incarceration, alcohol and other drug use, and transnational crime.

School Social Sciences

Discipline Criminology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects CULT 1009 - Introduction to Criminology LGYB 0467 - Introduction to Criminology CULT 1006 - Crime Deviance and Society (WSTC)

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Summarise the major theories in criminology and the sociology of deviance.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the historical, intellectual and political origins of theoretical perspectives.
3. Identify meanings and examples of key concept and theories.
4. Discuss the ways in which social norms, and concepts of crime and deviance are socially and culturally constructed.
5. Apply theories of crime and deviance to contemporary social and political debates.
6. 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
Explaining crime and deviance
Positivism
Place and Crime

Anomie and Strain
Deviant and Criminal Subcultures
Labelling: Constructing Crime and Deviance
Race, Indigeneity and Postcolonial Theories
Feminism and Critical Masculinities
The Surveillance Society and Social Control
Political Economy and Crimes of the Powerful
Green Criminology
Cultural Criminology
International Dimensions of Crime and Deviance

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
Short Answer	1,000 words	40	N	Individual	N
Annotated Bibliography	500 words	20	N	Individual	N
Essay	1,500 words	40	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- White, R, Haines, F and Asquith, N 2017,?Crime and Criminology, 6th?Edn, Oxford University Press, Melbourne.
- Rodas, A, Simpson, M, Rawlinson, P, Kramer, R, Ryan, E, Taylor, E, Walters, R, Beckley, A, Cunneen, C, Gore, A, Porter, A, Poynting, S and Russell, E 2020. Crime, Deviance and Society: An Introduction to Sociological Criminology. Cambridge University Press, Port Melbourne.

Teaching Periods

WSU Online TRI-1 (2025)
Wsu Online
Online
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Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)
Sydney City
On-site
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Spring (2025)
Penrith (Kingswood)
On-site
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Liverpool
On-site
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Online
Online
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WSU Online TRI-3 (2025)
Wsu Online
Online
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Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)
Sydney City
On-site
Subject Contact Alan Nixon (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/name/Alan Nixon/)

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