

**CENTRAL TEXAS COLLEGE**  
**CJSA 1178**  
**CRIMINAL DEVIANCE**  
**Semester Hours Credit: 1**  
**INSTRUCTOR:**  
**Contact Information:**

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. This course is an examination of criminal behavior with a special emphasis on the deviation from societal norms. The course will discuss ideas about crime, criminal intent, and criminal motivation. The course offers a survey of theories and research on the rationality of criminal behavior and stimulus of offenders. The course also offers a review of the social response to criminal behavior.
- B. This is a criminal justice required course in the Associate in Applied Science degree program.
- C. This course is occupationally related and serves in preparation for career(s) in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement.
- D. Prerequisite: None

## **II. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

- A. **TEXT:** None Required. The instructor will distribute reading assignments which must be read before the first meeting of class.
- B. **POWER POINT PRESENTATION:** The instructor will provide visual aids.

## **III. COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Your first responsibility is scholarship. The grade you receive for this course will not be the grade of the instructor, but rather the grade you and you alone make.
- B. You should attend class regularly and be prepared to participate in classroom discussions and to take unannounced quizzes relating to text assignments and lecture material presented from the beginning of the course.
- C. You are encouraged to give your best effort throughout the semester. From the beginning, you should plan for a steady, organized, and continuous effort, which in the long run will prove more effective for your final grade than a last minute crash-

cram policy. Your course grade is not determined solely by exam grade. Such factors as class participation, initiative, attendance, and individual research papers will be considered in grade computation.

- D. From time to time, special library and/or outside assignments will be made to members of the class individually and/or in groups. You are expected to read all assignments and fulfill your responsibilities to any group assignment.
- E. You are expected to read all assigned material and bring your textbook to class. Keep informed on all assignments, especially after an absence.
- F. Good class notes are indispensable for earning a good grade, since both the material assigned and that discussed in class will be the basis for examination material.

#### IV. EXAMINATIONS

- A. There will be one exam for this class during Day 2:
  - 1. Final exam
- B. A student must be present for all examinations. No make-up examinations will be given. Students who know in advance that they will be absent from an examination due to valid reasons must arrange to take an early examination. Unexpected absences due to illness or extenuating circumstances will require the student to see the instructor about individual make-up work.
- C. Students without excused absences will be given a zero for the missed examination.
- D. Examinations may consist of objective (true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and matching) or subjective (short answer and essay) questions, or a combination of both types. Students majoring in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement must be able to communicate both orally and in written form, thus some questions requiring the composition and writing of an essay answer will be required.

#### V. SEMESTER GRADE COMPUTATIONS

##### EXAM POINTS POINTS GRADES

The Final Exam will be worth	750 points
Class Participation will be worth	250 points
Total	1000 points

#### VI. NOTES AND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- A. **Tuition refunds** are made only in the case of class cancellation or official and timely withdrawal from CTC or from a course. Please refer to the current course catalog for more details, at <http://europe.ctcd.edu/library/catalog.php>.

- B. **GoArmyEd** students should contact their education counselor before withdrawing and are required to withdraw through the GoArmyEd portal.

**Please note: a military withdrawal does not override CTC's grading policy.**

For **self-pay students**, refunds are computed from the date the Application for Withdrawal or Refund is filed with the CTC Field Representative or designated Student Services Officer. Special conditions apply to students who receive federal, state, and/or institutional financial aid.

**Tuition and fees paid directly to the Institution** by the Veterans Administration, Title IV (Financial Aid Programs, a sponsor, donor, or scholarship shall be refunded to the source rather than directly to the students.

C. **Course Withdrawals, Student Responsibilities**

It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course. The instructor cannot initiate a withdrawal based upon a student's request. Rather, students must initiate the withdrawal with the designated Education Center Representative, through the CTC Field Representative or the Student Services Officer for that region.

Applications for Withdrawal will be accepted at any time before the completion of 75% of the course, after which time the student will be assigned an "FN"- "Failure for Non-attendance".

D. **Incomplete Grade Policy**

An "IP" or "Incomplete" grade may be assigned by an instructor if a student has made satisfactory progress in a course with the exception of a major quiz, final exam, or other project. The "IP" grade may also be assigned based on circumstances beyond a student's control, such as personal illness, death in the immediate family, or military orders. Notice of absences, with supporting documentation, may be required by the instructor. The instructor makes the final decision concerning the granting of the incomplete grade. With an "Incomplete" grade, students are required to complete a set amount of work before the instructor will submit an official letter grade. This date can be determined by the instructor but must be within 110 days of the course end date. After completion of the work the instructor can then change the grade of "IP" to the appropriate letter grade. If this work is not completed by the specified date the instructor will change the grade to "F".

- E. Cellular Phones and Beepers: Cellular phones and beepers will be turned off while the student is in the classroom or laboratory.

- F. American's With Disabilities Act (ADA): Students requiring accommodations for disabilities are responsible for notifying the instructor. Reasonable accommodations will be granted in full compliance with federal and state law and Central Texas College policy.

- G. Instructor Discretion: The instructor reserves the right of final decision in course

requirements.

- H. Civility: Individuals are expected to be cognizant of what a constructive educational experience is and respectful of those participating in a learning environment. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.

## VIII. COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1

### A. Lesson One:

#### 1. Introduction to Criminal Deviance

- Introduction
- Begin the discussion of Deviance
- Scenarios
- Norms
- Subcultures
- Closing

#### 2. Deviant Events and Social Control

1. Introduction
2. Deviant Events
3. Deviant Roles
4. Deviant Places
5. Deviant Acts over Time
6. Deviant Acts and Victims
7. Social Control
8. Laws
9. What Problems can Laws Solve
10. Closing

#### 3. Becoming Deviant

1. Introduction
2. Managing Deviance
  1. Secrecy
  2. Manipulating the Physical Setting
  3. Rationalization

4. Change to non-deviant
  5. Joining deviant subcultures
  6. Closing
3. Individualistic Theories of Deviance
    1. Introduction
    2. Psychiatric Model of Deviance
    3. Psychoanalytic Explanation of Deviance
    4. Rational Choice Theory
    5. Closing
4. **Structural Perspectives on Deviance Anomie and Conflict Theory**
    1. Introduction
    2. Anomie Theory
    3. Conflict Theory
    4. Closing

## Day 2

5. **Labeling Control and Learning Theories of Deviance**
  1. Introduction
  2. Labeling Theory
  3. Control Theory
  4. Learning Theory
  5. Closing
6. **Crimes of Interpersonal Violence**
  1. Introduction
  2. Types of Crimes
  3. Types of Criminals
  4. Assault and Murder
  5. Domestic Violence
  6. Forcible Rape
  7. Suicide
  8. Closing
7. **Nonviolent Crime**
  1. Introduction

2. Occasional Property Offenders
3. Conventional Criminal Careers
4. Political Criminal Offenders
5. Organized Crime and Criminals
6. Professional Offenders
7. Drunkenness and Alcoholism
8. Drug use and Addiction
9. White-Collar Crime and Corporate Crime
10. Closing

**8. Review**

**9. Final Exam**