

## Course Outline

Soc. 224-3 Criminology-

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### Course Description:

The general aim of this course is to familiarize the student with:

- a) some basic concepts of criminology;
- b) some of the major societal problems which are generated by the prevalence of crime in the 1980's.

### Objectives:

To make students aware of the all-pervasive nature of crime; to offer some explanations for said problem; to indicate the difficulties which social control faces and to help them dare question "traditional wisdom".

An attempt will be made to cover the following topics:

#### 1) Crime

- a) The Nature of Crime
- b) Some Explanations from Crime
- c) Social Control and Prospects

#### 2) Substance Abuse

- a) What is a Drug
- b) Drug Use, Misuse, Abuse
- c) Social Problems related to substance abuse
- d) Social Control

#### 3) Mental Disorders

- a) The Nature of Mental Illness
- b) Epidemiology of Mental Disorders
- c) Mental Disorders as a Social Problem

### Methodology:

The basic approach in the classroom is a combination of the time-tested lecture approach combined with student involvement through classroom discussion. Audio-visual material will be utilized where deemed appropriate.

Evaluation:

- 1) 20% - attendance and participation
- 2) 20% - class presentation
- 3) 60% - segmental tests

Grading:

60% - C

70% - B

85% - A

Office Hours: By appointment

Text: Thio, Deviant Behaviour

Additional readings will be assigned on the topic throughout the course.