

General Education Review Committee

Agenda

February 20, 2009

ADM 204

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Roll

() Erik Hirschman	Mat-Su/ UAB	Social Sciences
() Mari Ippolito	CAS/ UAB	
() Patricia Fagan	CAS	Humanities
() Robert Capuozzo	COE	
() Jack Pauli	CBPP	
() Jeane Breinig	CAS	Written Communication
() Len Smiley	CAS	Quantitative Skills
() Suzanne Forster	CAS/ UAB	
() Robin Wahto	CTC/ UAB	
() Walter Olivares	CAS	Fine Arts
() Bart Quimby	OAA	
() Catherine Sullivan	CHSW/ UAB	
() Doug Parry/ Shawnalee Whitney	CAS	Oral Communication
() Jeff Miller	SOE	
() Karl Wing	USUAA	
() Hilary Davies	UAB Chair	

II. Approval of Agenda (pg. 1)

III. Approval of Summary (pg. 2)

IV. Report from Associate Vice Provost Bart Quimby

V. Chair's Report

VI. Course Action Requests

Chg SOC A201 Social Problems and Solutions (3 cr) (3+0) (pg. 3-7)

Add SOC A223 Crime and Delinquency (3 cr) (3+0) (pg. 8-12)

Chg CHIN A101 First Year Chinese I (4 cr) (4+0)

Chg CHIN A102 First Year Chinese II (4 cr) (4+0)

No revisions received

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Informational Items and Adjournment

General Education Review Committee Summary

January 9, 2009

ADM 204

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Roll

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II. Approval of Agenda (pg. 1)

Approved

III. Approval of Summary (pg. 2)

Approved

IV. Report from Associate Vice Provost Bart Quimby

Pilot Program:

Writing appointment letters for volunteers

Sent email to faculty teaching capstone courses

V. Chair's Report

VI. Course Action Requests

Chg PARL A101 Introduction to Law (3 cr) (3+0) (pg. 3-11)

Approved

VII. Old Business

A. Review and approve draft memo to faculty piloting all three pieces of the capstone assessment plan (not in your packet because not yet drafted) and finalize plans for the pilot.

VIII. New Business

IX. Informational Items and Adjournment

For next meeting with light curriculum: may need to revisit GER outcomes

Possibility of having another meeting in February

Meeting adjourned



Curriculum Action Request

University of Alaska Anchorage

Proposal to Initiate, Add, Change, or Delete a Course or Program of Study

1a. School or College AS CAS		1b. Division ASSC Division of Social Science		1c. Department Sociology	
2. Course Prefix SOC	3. Course Number A201	4. Previous Course Prefix & Number NA		5a. Credits/CEU 3 cr	5b. Contact Hours (Lecture + Lab) (3+0)
6. Complete Course/Program Title Social Problems and Solutions <small>Abbreviated Title for Transcript (30 character)</small>					
7. Type of Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Academic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-credit <input type="checkbox"/> CEU <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development					
8. Type of Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course <input type="checkbox"/> Program			9. Repeat Status No # of Repeats Max Credits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Prefix <input type="checkbox"/> Course Number <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Credits <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Hours <small>(mark appropriate boxes)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Title <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Status <input type="checkbox"/> Delete <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Listed/Stacked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course Description <input type="checkbox"/> Course Prerequisites <input type="checkbox"/> Test Score Prerequisites <input type="checkbox"/> Co-requisites <input type="checkbox"/> Other Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Class <input type="checkbox"/> Level <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other CCG Update			10. Grading Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-F <input type="checkbox"/> P/NP <input type="checkbox"/> NG		
			11. Implementation Date <small>semester/year</small> From: Fall/2009 To: /9999		
			12. <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Listed with _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Stacked with _____ Cross-Listed Coordination Signature		
13. List any programs or college requirements that require this course None					
14. Coordinate with Affected Units: Faculty List Serve Department, School, or College _____ Initiator Signature Date					
15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Written Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Integrative Capstone					
16. Course Description Survey of contemporary social problems. Focuses on the causes and consequences of social problems and examines processes through which social problems are identified, prioritized, and addressed.					
17a. Course Prerequisite(s) (list prefix and number) None		17b. Test Score(s) NA		17c. Co-requisite(s) (concurrent enrollment required) NA	
17d. Other Restriction(s) <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Class <input type="checkbox"/> Level			17e. Registration Restriction(s) (non-codable) NA		
18. <input type="checkbox"/> Mark if course has fees NA					
19. Justification for Action Revision of the course to meet current GER guidelines and changing standards in the field.					

COURSE CONTENT GUIDE

I. **Date of Initiation:** Spring, 2009

II. **Course Information**

College or School: CAS

Course Subject/ Number: Soc A201

Credits and Contact Hours: 3.0 Credits, 3+0 Contact Hours

Course Title: Social Problems and Solutions

Grading Basis: A – F

Implementation Date: Fall 2009

Course Description: Survey of contemporary social problems. Focuses on the causes and consequences of social problems and examines processes through which social problems are identified, prioritized, and addressed.

Course Prerequisite(s)/Test Score(s)/ Corequisite(s)/ Registration Restriction(s): None

Course Attributes: UAA GER Social Sciences Requirement

Course Fee: No

III. **Instructional Goals and Student Outcomes**

A. **Instructional Goals:**

The instructor will:

1. Introduce students to competing theoretical perspectives on social problems while relating perspectives to the historical context in which they developed and the human problems they address.
2. Describe empirical approaches to the study of social problems including basic quantitative skills and distinguish between empirical and non-empirical truth claims.
3. Foster critical thinking skills needed for students to compare and contrast the major theoretical perspectives on social problems.
4. Guide students in a research project or a service learning assignment that will allow them to investigate the complexity of human institutions and behavior and better understand contemporary efforts to address social problems.

B. **Student Outcomes:**

Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate knowledge and skills in the following areas:

1. Students will identify and describe competing theoretical perspectives on social problems while relating these perspectives to the historical context in which they developed and the human problems they address.
2. Students will identify and describe major empirical approaches to the study of social problems including basic quantitative skills and distinguish between empirical and non-empirical truth claims.

3. Students will compare and contrast theoretical perspectives on social problems with particular attention to the identification, causes, consequences, and amelioration of social problems.
4. Students will explore a particular aspect of a social problem by completing a term paper/project using sources of empirical information identified in the course; or complete 10-20 hours of service learning with a local social service agency that addresses a social problem and complete a paper describing that experience.

IV. Guidelines for Evaluation or Assessment Methods

- A. Written assignments and examinations.
- B. An optional service learning project may be used in evaluation of the student's ability to investigate the complexity of human institutions and behavior and better understand contemporary efforts to address social problems.

V. Course Level Justification

This is a survey of sociological perspectives on selected social problems. Students will compare and contrast sociological explanations for social problems and examine empirical approaches to research and the analysis of public policy. This course provides basic concepts and identifies major sociological perspectives useful in the study of social problems.

VI. Topical Course Outline

- A. SOCIOLOGY AND THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS
 1. Defining Social Problems
 2. Explaining Social Problems: Competing Theoretical Perspectives
 3. Empirical Approaches to the Study of Social Problems
 4. Major Resources: Official Statistics, Scholarly Research, Private Foundations and Research Enterprises

- B. OVERVIEW OF SELECTED SOCIAL PROBLEMS
 1. Poverty
 2. Political Inequality
 3. Discrimination
 4. Access to Education

5. Access to Health Care
6. Environmental Justice
7. Crime
8. War and Terrorism

C. SOLVING SOCIAL PROBLEMS

1. Public Sector Policies: Objectives, Strategies, and Assessment
2. Private Sector Initiatives: Objectives, Strategies, and Assessment
3. International Approaches: Objectives, Strategies, and Assessment

VII. Suggested Texts

Eitzen, D. Stanley. 2009. *Social Problems*. 11th ed. New York: Allyn and Bacon.

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VIII. Bibliography

Barrera, Mario. 2008. "Are Latinos a Racialized Minority?" *Sociological Perspectives* 51(2):305-24.

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Grodsky, Eric and Devah Pager. 2001. "The Structure of Disadvantage: Individual and Occupational Determinants of the Black-white Wage Gap." *American Sociological Review* 66(4):542-67.

Howell, Joseph T. 1991. *Hard Living on Clay Street: Portraits of Blue Collar Families*. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press.

Laurer, Robert H. and Jeanette C. Laurer. 2008. *Social Problems and the Quality of Life*. 11th ed. New York: McGraw Hill.

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- McClanahan, Alexandra J. 2000. *Growing Up Native in Alaska*. Anchorage, AK: CIRI Foundation.
- Simon, David R. and D. Stanley Eitzen. 2006. *Elite Deviance*. 8th ed. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon.
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Curriculum Action Request

University of Alaska Anchorage

Proposal to Initiate, Add, Change, or Delete a Course or Program of Study

1a. School or College AS CAS		1b. Division ASSC Division of Social Science		1c. Department Sociology	
2. Course Prefix SOC	3. Course Number A223	4. Previous Course Prefix & Number None		5a. Credits/CEU 3cr	5b. Contact Hours (Lecture + Lab) (3+0)
6. Complete Course/Program Title Sociological Perspectives on Crime and Delinquency Crime and Delinquency <small>Abbreviated Title for Transcript (30 character)</small>					
7. Type of Course <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Academic <input type="checkbox"/> Non-credit <input type="checkbox"/> CEU <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development					
8. Type of Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Course <input type="checkbox"/> Program			9. Repeat Status No # of Repeats Max Credits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Prefix <input type="checkbox"/> Course Number <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Credits <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Hours <small>(mark appropriate boxes)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Delete <input type="checkbox"/> Title <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat Status <input type="checkbox"/> Grading Basis <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Listed/Stacked <input type="checkbox"/> Course Description <input type="checkbox"/> Course Prerequisites <input type="checkbox"/> Test Score Prerequisites <input type="checkbox"/> Co-requisites <input type="checkbox"/> Other Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Class <input type="checkbox"/> Level <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Other			10. Grading Basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A-F <input type="checkbox"/> P/NP <input type="checkbox"/> NG		
			11. Implementation Date semester/year From: Fall/2009 To: /9999		
			12. <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Listed with _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Stacked with _____ Cross-Listed Coordination Signature		
13. List any programs or college requirements that require this course None					
14. Coordinate with Affected Units: Justice Center & UAA List Serve Department, School, or College <div style="text-align: right;">Initiator Signature Date</div>					
15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Education Requirement <input type="checkbox"/> Oral Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Written Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Quantitative Skills <input type="checkbox"/> Humanities <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Sciences <input type="checkbox"/> Integrative Capstone					
16. Course Description Sociological perspectives on the causes, consequences, and control of crime and delinquency. Survey of the major theoretical perspectives in the study of crime and delinquency with special attention to the application of empirical research methods to important theoretical issues.					
17a. Course Prerequisite(s) (list prefix and number) SOC A101		17b. Test Score(s) NA		17c. Co-requisite(s) (concurrent enrollment required) NA	
17d. Other Restriction(s) <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input type="checkbox"/> Class <input type="checkbox"/> Level		17e. Registration Restriction(s) (non-codable) NA			
18. <input type="checkbox"/> Mark if course has fees NA					
19. Justification for Action This is a traditional area of specialization in sociology. A recent American Sociological Association survey indicates that law and crime offerings constitute the single most popular area of concentration in American sociology departments and it is an area of significant interest for our students.					

Initiator (faculty only) Date

John Riley
Initiator (TYPE NAME)

Approved

Disapproved: _____
Department Chairperson Date

Approved

Disapproved: _____
Curriculum Committee Chairperson Date

Approved

Disapproved: _____
Dean/Director of School/College Date

Approved

Disapproved: _____
Undergraduate or Graduate
Academic Board Chairperson Date

Approved

Disapproved: _____
Provost or Designee Date

COURSE CONTENT GUIDE

I. **Date of Initiation:** Spring, 2009

II. **Course Information**

Course Subject/ Number: Soc A223

Credits and Contact Hours: 3.0 Credits, 3+0 Contact Hours

Course Title: Sociological Perspectives on Crime and Delinquency

Grading Basis: A – F

Implementation Date: Fall, 2009

Course Description: Sociological perspectives on the causes, consequences, and control of crime and delinquency. Survey of the major theoretical perspectives in the study of crime and delinquency with special attention to the application of empirical research methods to important theoretical issues.

Course Prerequisite(s)/Test Score(s)/ Corequisite(s)/ Registration Restriction(s): None

Course Attributes: UAA GER Social Sciences Requirement

Course Fee: No

III. **Instructional Goals and Student Outcomes**

A. **Instructional Goals:**

The instructor will:

1. Introduce students to competing theoretical perspectives on crime and delinquency while relating knowledge in this field to the historical context in which it developed and the human problems it addresses.
2. Describe empirical approaches to the examination of relevant theoretical issues and distinguish between empirical and non-empirical truth claims.
3. Foster critical thinking skills needed for students to compare and contrast the major theoretical perspectives.
4. Guide students in the investigation of the complexity of criminal and delinquent behavior and explore institutional arrangements and practices that may have an impact on patterns of crime and delinquency.

B. **Student Outcomes:**

Students who successfully complete this course will demonstrate knowledge and skills in the following areas:

1. Students will identify and describe competing theoretical perspectives on crime and delinquency and to relate knowledge in this field to the historical context in which it developed and the human problems it addresses.
2. Students will identify and describe major empirical approaches to the study of criminal and delinquent behavior and distinguish between empirical and non-empirical truth claims.

3. Students will compare and contrast the major theoretical perspectives on crime and delinquency with particular attention to the identification, causes, consequences, and control of crime and delinquency.
4. Students will investigate the complexity of criminal and delinquent behavior and explore institutional arrangements and practices that may have an impact on patterns of crime and delinquency.

IV. Guidelines for Evaluation

- A. Written assignments, class presentations, and examinations may be used to evaluate student performance.

V. Course Level Justification

This is a survey of sociological perspectives on crime and delinquency, requiring a basic understanding of social organization and the ability to identify and apply fundamental sociological concepts. Students will compare and contrast sociological explanations for crime and delinquency and examine empirical approaches to research and public policy.

Students enter this course after having successfully completed Sociology A101. This course provides basic concepts and identifies major sociological perspectives useful in the study of crime and delinquency.

VI. Topical Course Outline

- I. The Nature and Extent of Crime and Delinquency In America
 1. Defining Crime and Delinquency
 - a. Changing Conceptions of Crime and Delinquency 1700-2008
 - b. Crimes, Torts, and Violations of Administrative Law
 - c. Delinquency: the Needs and Culpability of Juveniles
 2. Twentieth Century Crime Trends
 - a. Violent Crime
 - b. Property Crime
 - c. Governmental, Corporate and White Collar Crime
 - d. Delinquency: Criminal Offenses and Status Offenses
 3. Crime Rates Today
 - a. Violent Crime
 - b. Property Crime
 - c. Governmental, Corporate and White Collar Crime
 - d. Delinquency: Criminal Offenses and Status Offenses

- II. Empirical Approaches to the Study of Crime and Delinquency
 - 1. Measuring Crime: Official Crime Statistics
 - a. Uniform Crime Reports
 - b. Victimization Surveys
 - c. International Crime Statistics
 - 2. Understanding Crime:
 - a. Self Reports
 - b. Observational Research
 - c. Life Histories and Life Course Research
- III. Theoretical Perspectives on Crime and Delinquency
 - 1. Pre-Scientific Perspectives
 - a. "Evil Spirits"
 - b. Rational Choice
 - 2. Science: Individual Perspectives
 - a. Biological Differences
 - b. Psychology
 - 3. Early Sociological Perspectives
 - a. Focus on Structure: Anomie and Social Disorganization
 - b. Focus on Process: Differential Association, Control Theories
 - 4. Contemporary Sociological Perspectives
 - a. Labeling Theory
 - b. Conflict Theory
 - c. Feminist Theory
 - d. Routine Activities
- IV. Public Policies and Practices Intended To Control Crime and Delinquency
 - 1. Criminal Justice System Strategies
 - a. Identification and Arrest
 - b. Juvenile Diversion
 - c. Trial and Conviction
 - d. Sentencing: Incapacitation and Deterrence
 - e. Crime Control in a Democratic Society
 - 2. Community Crime Prevention
 - a. Eliminating Poverty
 - b. Addressing Discrimination
 - c. Strengthening Neighborhoods
 - d. Violence and Male Socialization Practices
 - 3. Developmental Crime Prevention

- a. Early Intervention Programs for High Risk Children
- b. Aid to Families: Day Care, Health Care, Shelters
- c. Educational Intervention: Improving Schools

VII. Suggested Texts

Barkan, Steven E. 2009. *Criminology: A Sociological Understanding*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/ Prentice Hall.

Hagan, Frank E. 2008. *Introduction to Criminology*. Los Angeles, CA: Sage.

Reid, Sue Titus. 2003. *Crime and Criminology*, 10th ed. Boston, MA: McGraw Hill.

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