

Course Outline for: SOC 2125 Social Deviance**A. Course Description:**

1. Number of credits: 3
2. Lecture hours per week: 3
3. Prerequisites: None
4. Corequisites: None
5. MnTC Goals: Goal #5 History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
 Goal #9 Ethical and Civic Responsibility

This course is a sociological examination of significant rule-making and rule-breaking in society. The course surveys the following topics: explorations/explanations of non-conformity relevant to juvenile delinquency, crime, mental illness, substance abuse, and certain other non-normative lifestyles.

B. Date last reviewed/updated: January 2023**C. Outline of Major Content Areas:**

1. Definitions
2. Methods for exploring and theories for explaining
3. Physical violence
4. Sexual violence
5. Other sexual non-conformity
6. Substance use and abuse
7. Mental disorders
8. Suicide
9. Economic crime

D. Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe how sociologists understand deviance from multiple conceptual perspectives. (Goal 2a, 2b, 5a, 5c, 5d)
2. Define the core concepts necessary for a sociological examination of deviance. (Goal 2a, 2c, 5a, 9b)
3. Examine and discuss core issues in deviance studies, for example interpersonal violence, diverse lifestyles, self-destructive deviance, organizational deviance, substance use and abuse, and inequality in deviance. (Goal 2c, 2d, 5a, 5b, 9c, 9d, 9e)
4. Differentiate crime from other types of deviance. (Goal 2a, 5a, 5b, 9b)
5. Evaluate alternative explanations and solutions for non-normative behavior. (Goal 2c, 2d, 5c, 5d, 9c)

E. Methods for Assessing Student Learning:

Assessment methods may include, but are not limited to: exams, quizzes, journals, research papers, oral presentations, written assignments, essays, group work and/or any other assessment measures based on the discretion of the instructor.

F. Special Information:

None