

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix and Number:** SLGY 204

**Credit hours:** 3

**Course Title:** Sociology of Deviance

**Course Prerequisites:** None

**Textbook(s):** Inderbitzin. *Deviance and Social Control*. eBook. Sage Publications. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor's course information syllabus.)

**Course Description:** Focuses on behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs that fall outside of the mainstream in contemporary American society. Topics include sociological theories of crime and criminalization, essentialism and constructionism in defining deviance, formal and informal social control, poverty and stigma, white collar crime, drug use, sexuality, paranormal beliefs, mental disorders, disability and obesity, and Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, the student will:

- A. identify and describe the major sociological theories of crime and deviance;
- B. recognize the conceptual distinction between crime and deviance;
- C. recall and describe key data sources for social science research on crime and deviance;
- D. identify and recall sociological concepts relating to deviance and be able to apply them to the social world;
- E. comprehend main ideas and supporting details of college level reading materials.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

- 1. read and differentiate between social science approaches to the study of crime and deviance, key concepts, and theoretical relevancy in contemporary life; (A, B, E)
- 2. identify key contributions of research on crime and deviance in the field of sociology; (C)
- 3. recall in writing the major concepts covered in each chapter; (D, E)
- 4. read and analyze the sociological components and processes reflected in written accounts of deviance in everyday life from a text; (B, D, E)
- 5. read and analyze written materials for purpose, tone, audience, bias, and
- 6. point of view. (E)

**Course Requirements:** The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: students will attend class; students will be evaluated on results of semester exams; students will be required to participate in class discussions and activities.

*In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor's section syllabus.*

**Course Grading Scale:**

A 90-100%  
B 80-89%  
C 70-79%  
D 60-69%  
F 59% or below

**Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at <http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html>

**Course Fees:** None

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