

Hagerstown Community College
MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE: SOC 103-01

Criminology

3 Credits

INSTRUCTOR: Daniel Beckett Ryan

SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring 2018

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course introduces students to the basic theories, facts and problems associated with the study of criminal behavior. It provides a basis for the study of criminal justice in America. Prerequisites: SOC 101.

TEXTBOOKS AND COURSE MATERIALS:

Articles and book excerpts posted on Moodle: <http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/academics/distance-education/moodle>

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic structure and functions of the main components of the criminal justice system – law enforcement, courts, and corrections.
2. Understand and apply competing sociological and criminological theories to explain the social construction of crime and deviance, the nature and causes of crime, and the social reaction to crime and deviance.
3. Understand the historical components of the criminal justice system, including social, economic, and political variables in the creation of laws and institutions to regulate individual and collective deviant and criminal behaviors.
4. Formulate theoretical and empirical explanations of various social problems associated with the criminal justice system in the United States (i.e. race and class sentencing disparities, recidivism, controversial drug war policies, police-community relations, privatization of prisons, and white collar crime).

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE:

	85 h required
Reading chapters	25 h
Chapter quizzes	30 hours
Midterm	30 h exam prep
Final exam (Academic Testing Center)	10 h exam prep
Total Hours	85 h

Services for Students with Disabilities: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.