



**ADJ 107, Survey of Criminology  
Elite Learning—Fall 2021**  
**Supporting Colleges: MECC SVCC WCC VHCC**

**Southwest Virginia Education and Training Network**

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I will sign into Canvas at least once every day, probably several times. Usually, if your email does not require an answer, I will not return the email. Remember, that if I feel it is necessary, I will copy your facilitator, your principal, and your college representative into the email. When sending me email, make sure you are specific. I need *specific information* from you in order to answer your questions accurately. Always remember to put ADJ 107 in any email subject line.

**Course (Catalogue) Description**

**VCCS Master Course Description:**

Surveys the volume and scope of crime; considers a variety of theories developed to explain the causation of crime and criminality.

Students that successfully complete this course will earn 1 high school credit and 3 hours of college credit for ADJ 107 as well as have a basic overview of our criminal justice system and related topics.

**Course Materials**

**Title:** *Criminology: The Core*

**Authors:** Larry Siegal

**Edition:** 4<sup>th</sup>

**Copyright:** 2011

**Publishers:** Wadsworth Publishing

**ISBN:** 0495809837

**Ordering Information:** This book is available through most book sellers including those online such as Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Wal-Mart, EBay, etc.

**Time & Location of Class Meeting:**

This course is asynchronous, which means you will be able to access your course material at any time of the day or night. You should have a specific time in the day that you will be assigned to work on your assignments for this course.

**Technology Requirement:**

Students will be required to complete and submit assignments by using Canvas, the learning management system for Elite Learning. Students will need use of the Internet for all coursework.

The Virginia Community College System offers Microsoft Word for free to currently enrolled students. Students are eligible to install Office 365 on up to 5 devices at no cost. The Office 365 product includes Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook. Students can download Microsoft Office 365 by going to: <http://office.vccs.edu>. Students will use their full My VCCS email address as their username, and their My VCCS password to log into the site.

### **Technical Support:**

Technical problems are not common but occur from time-to-time. Trouble tickets, for the most part, will be sent directly to the technical support team at the community college. Students should refer to the *How to Receive Technical Support* document to receive prompt support. This document is found in the *Elite Learning Guide for Students* on Page 28. You should receive a response within 24 hours (usually much sooner). After you have submitted the trouble ticket, please send me an email or message to let me know what problems you are having.

### **Course Learning Outcomes/Objectives**

This course will provide students with an overview of the current and historical theories explaining the causation of criminal and other deviant behavior. Critical evaluation and discussion of statistics on crime, crime victims, and categories of criminal offenses will be explored. The treatment and punishment of these criminal offenses will also be examined as well as the impact of police, judicial, and the correctional system on this treatment or punishment.

Students will be asked to communicate on a regular basis, sharing thoughts and ideas about current events, readings, and other criminal justice beliefs. They will also be responsible for reading and work from the book as well as research and essay type assignments.

All assignments are posted on Assignment Sheets in course. Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to due dates for readings, essays, and other in-class activities. Changes to the schedule will be announced. Students are responsible for noting all changes and adhering to them.

Specific goals for each chapter will be stated on Assignment Sheets in course.

### **Method of Evaluating Student Achievement**

#### **Criteria for Student Grading:**

Quizzes	30.00%
Assignments (including short essays, court case answers, etc)	30.00%
Class Participation/Discussion Forums	30.00%
Midterm/Final Exam	10.00%

Your final grade will be determined by the following scale:

**Grading Scale:**

<i>Scale</i>	
90 -100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
Below 60	F

**How to be Successful:**

- Make sure you read through this entire document. There is useful information here.
- Stay on task by printing off your assignment sheets and keeping them in a notebook with a calendar.
- Plan ahead, and do not procrastinate. The dual enrollment classes are college classes. An asynchronous class requires discipline. If you are not self-disciplined in your studies, then you need to rethink your ability to take this class. I DO NOT hound you for your work. This is a college class. If you do it, then you do. If you do not, then you do not.
- You must stay focused and keep a steady pace, or you will fall behind.
- Expect technical difficulties. Remember that technical difficulties happen with online courses. Here is what you do. Remember that all technical problems should be reported to your facilitator and SVETN. Technical problems mean you cannot send email, or you keep getting error messages. Remain calm, and understand that if you having problems then more than likely your instructors are too having problems. This means that **time** will take care of the problem, and when the systems come back up, we will pick up where we left off.

**Attendance Policy:**

Because this is an Internet based course, there is not a scheduled time set for your coursework. Regular class attendance is required. When absence from a class is necessary, it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor prior to the absence. The student is responsible for the subsequent completion of all work missed during an absence. The Virginia Community College System is committed to academic quality and student success. Elements that support both values are regular attendance and participation in class. The college policy states that regular class attendance is required.

At least once every school day, you are required to log into Canvas and perform three tasks:

1. Check your inbox for new messages.
2. Check for new course announcements.
3. Check the calendar under to see what work is due.

You should then proceed to work on the assignments within the current unit.

## Assignment Information:

- When you turn in an assignment, name it appropriately. For example: [ghamm\\_ch1assignment\\_ebstanley](#). There is a combination here. Your first initial and last name, assignment name, and school name.
- All assignments need to be properly formatted in Canvas or word processing software. All four margins are to be left at default; font face is to be set at Times New Roman; font size is set at 12-point.
- I expect writing to be grade-level proficient. Your guidance counselor and other teachers have recommended you to this class; therefore, I expect your academic performance to meet their recommendations and my expectations.
- I try to grade papers quickly, but with different schools being on different schedules, it does become challenging.
- Do not email me and ask me what you need to complete. You have your assignment sheets to use. It takes you just as long as it does me to do this, and this is your responsibility not mine.
- Keep all your assignments in a folder on your computer or on a jump drive. This is your responsibility to keep up with your work!

## Late Work Policy:

It is your responsibility to be logged every school day. Students are expected to work on course assignments for a minimum of 60 minutes per school day. If you are absent or unable to log on, please send a message explaining your absence as soon as possible. If you do not log on for more than three school days in a row, your guidance counselor will be contacted.

This is a college course, and you are expected to plan ahead for due dates and give yourself plenty of time to complete all work. DO NOT wait until the last minute. For example, if a writing assignment is open for an entire week, but you wait until ten minutes before the assignment closes and experience a technical problem, you will not be given an extension because ample time was provided for you to submit your work. Plan accordingly if you will be out of school on trips. All work must be completed before leaving for a school trip to prevent them from being late. Due dates are located on the calendar and throughout the course.

If you do not turn in an assignment on the deadline, you will be allowed to submit it with point deductions for one week (exceptions may apply). For example: If assignment is due on August 10, you will have until August 17 to submit it for partial credit. There will be an automatic 25-point deduction for all late submissions.

- Sue doesn't turn in her work by the August 10 deadline. On August 11, the instructor posted the following into Sue grade book:
  - Example comment in gradebook: (8-11) *This assignment was due on August 10 but not submitted. You may submit the work until August 17 with a 25-point deduction. If there are extenuating circumstances that have prevented you from submitted this assignment, please contact me as soon as possible. The zero will be removed after the assignment if submitted.*
- Sue turns in her work three days late. After grading the assignment, her instructor believes it is quality work. He assigns her a 90 BUT he then deducts 25 points because the assignment was late. Sue will see a 65 in the grade book. Students will be made aware of the last day to submit the assignment within the grade book.

- If Sue doesn't turn in her assignment by the final deadline, she will see an additional statement in her grade book. *(8-18) This assignment is now closed. It was not submitted by the final deadline. You may longer submit this assignment for a grade.*

Exceptions to the late work policy will only be allowed IF a documented excuse is provided by your school's guidance counselor or administrative staff (illness, family emergency, etc.). Email the teacher if problems occur so they can be handled on a one-on-one basis. Please be aware that SVETN's schedule requires that we adhere to deadlines, even when schools are closed. If you have internet access at home, continue to log in and participate in class even if your school is closed. If you do not have home internet access, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

### **Resources:**

- **Wikipedia or Wiki-Anything is not ALLOWED!** What some students do not realize is that Wiki-etc websites can be edited by just about anyone, and this feature challenges Wiki's validity.

### **Plagiarism:**

- COPY and PASTING is called Plagiarism.
- Copying the work of another person whether an essay or answers during a test, is considered plagiarism.
- Using someone's work without giving them credit is considered plagiarism.
- Anyone who plagiarizes will receive an "F" on the assignment.
- I will report this to your guidance counselor, your principal, and your college representative.

### **Disabilities:**

Students may request academic accommodations for disabilities through the Office of Student Services. That office will evaluate the request and make recommendations for appropriate and reasonable accommodations, which the student will provide to the instructor. Please contact your guidance counselor or SVETN for more information.

### **Emergency Policy:**

Follow all emergency policies for your home school.

### **Academic Integrity:**

Each student will be bound by the academic codes of their school. Any violations will be reported to the student's school for appropriate disciplinary action. Cheating will not be tolerated. Because these courses are considered college courses, each student is considered a responsible adult, and will face the consequences of their chosen actions. It is assumed that students will maintain standards of conduct appropriate to membership in Elite Learning as well as the community college. Emphasis is placed on standards of student conduct rather than on limits or restrictions. Guidelines and regulations governing student conduct are developed by the Elite Learning faculty, staff, and administration. More detailed information is found in the *Elite Learning Student Guide*.

**It is critical that all students read the Elite Learning Guide for Students. This guide is located at [www.svetn.org](http://www.svetn.org) as well as within your course.**

**Course syllabus and schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.**

## **Course Information**

<b>Unit 1: Concepts of Crime, Law, and Criminology</b>	
Week 1	Introduction Materials
Week 2	Chapter 1—Crime and Criminology
Week 3	Chapter 2—The Nature and Extent of Crime
Week 4	Chapter 3—Victims and Victimization
Extra Week???	Completion of Concepts Chapters (if needed)
<b>Unit 2: Theories of Crime Causation</b>	
Week 5	Chapter 4—Choice Theory: Because They Want To
Week 6	Chapter 5—Trait Theory: It's In Their Blood
Week 7	Chapter 6—Social Structure Theory: Because They're Poor
Week 8	Chapter 7—Social Process Theories: Socialized to Crime
Week 9	Chapter 8—Critical Criminology: It's a Class Thing
Week 10	Chapter 9—Developmental Theories: Things Change...Or Do They?
Week 11	Completion of Theories Chapters—Theory Paper
<b>Unit 3: Crime Typologies</b>	
Week 12	Chapter 10—Violent Crime
Week 13	Chapter 11—Property Crimes Chapter 12—Enterprise Crime: White Collar, Cyber, and Organized
Week 14	Chapter 12—Enterprise Crime: White Collar, Cyber, and Organized
Week 15	Chapter 13—Public Order Crimes
<b>Unit 4: The Criminal Justice System</b>	
Week 16	Chapter 14—The Criminal Justice System
Week 17	Completion of Crime Typologies and The Criminal Justice System

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**Students: Please print this page off and return it to your guidance counselor.**

## Subject Material

Due to the nature of this course, there will be times that reading material and graphics are extremely mature. I understand that there will be material relating to violence, death, drugs, sex crimes, and other mature subjects. I also understand that these negative acts are what shape our criminal justice system. Therefore, I will deal with this material with professional college student manner and use them only for purposes of my course.

## SVETN Syllabus Acknowledgment

I have reviewed the syllabus for SVETN's Criminology class. By affixing my signature below, I signify that I understand the course requirements and know how my final grade will be determined. Further, I know how to contact my instructor for assistance and/or for clarification of points on this syllabus. My signature also signifies that I have read and understand SVETN's, my home school's, and community college's (if applicable) Academic Honesty Policies and will abide by their guidelines.

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(Student's Signature)

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(Facilitator's Signature)

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