

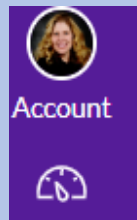
# FALL 2023

## SOC 230:Criminology

### Syllabus

#### Instructor:

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Class Meetings	Office Hours
SOC 230-01 T Th 11:00AM - 12:15PM, Science Building (SCI) B338	<b>Stevens Point Campus:</b> T Th 10:00-10:50 AM in Science B331 and on Zoom
SOC 230-02 T Th 12:30PM - 1:45PM, Science Building (SCI) B338	
SOC 230-M01 M W 2:00AM - 3:15PM, <b>Marshfield Campus - Room 466</b>	<b>Marshfield Campus:</b> M W 1:00-1:50 PM in room 427 and on Zoom
SOC 230-W01 M W 2:00AM - 3:15PM, <b>Wausau Campus - Room 240</b>	<b>Wausau Campus:</b> M W 1:00 -1:50 AM in room 317 and on Zoom

## General Courses Information

### Class Description

This class offers an analysis of crime as an institution, with reference to behavior of those who define, engage in, or become the victims of criminal behavior. The primary objective of this course is to provide students with a general understanding of the field of criminology. This class is a sociology class, which focuses on crime and criminal behavior. The focus of this class will be the examination of criminological theories of crime and criminal behavior. We also will examine criminological research, the history of criminology as a discipline, and the nature, extent, and patterns of crime and criminal behavior. This is not a law, corrections, or policing course; and while we may cover some topics related to these areas, it is first and foremost a theory course.

## Course Learning Outcomes

The primary objective of this course is to provide students with a general understanding of the field of criminology.

The courses learning outcomes are:

1. Examine and describe the history of criminology as a discipline
2. Examine, understand, and describe criminological theories of crime and criminal behavior.
3. Examine, and describe criminological research and research ethics in criminology.

## Social Science GEP Learning Outcomes

This course meets the GEP Investigation level Social Science requirement. The social science learning outcomes are:

1. Explain or apply major concepts, methods, or theories used in the social sciences to investigate, analyze, or predict human behavior.
2. Examine and explain how social, cultural, or political institutions influence individuals or groups.

## Course Structure

This is a hybrid class which means that some of the classes will require students to complete class work online instead of in the classroom. This includes, but is not limited to, videos, assignments, discussions, and exams. All out of class activities and assignments will be submitted on [Canvas](#). I will not accept any assignments completed outside of class in any other form (no paper or e-mail submissions). Between one-fourth to one-half of the classes are online (eight to sixteen classes). Please see the class schedule and Canvas for updates.

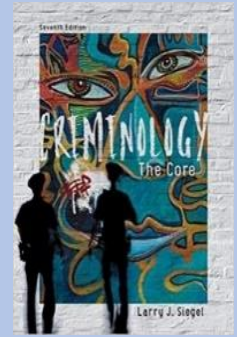
The online portion of the class will be delivered through the course management system Canvas. You will use your UWSP account to login to the course from the [Canvas Login Page](#). If you have not activated your UWSP account, please visit the [Manage Your Account](#) page to do so. All assignments and essays will be submitted on Canvas. Be sure to read ALL Canvas announcements.

A large portion of this class will be devoted to discussion and group activities. Students are expected to have completed the assigned readings prior to coming to class (see schedule of readings attached and on Canvas). Students are expected to contribute their viewpoints and opinions during class discussions. Due to the active role students play in this course, regular attendance is strongly encouraged. While attendance may not be checked daily, excessive absence will negatively affect your final grade. Students are responsible for all information and assignments missed during their absences--including announcements concerning any changes in the course schedule.

## Course Materials

Required Text: *Siegel, Larry J. Criminology: The Core* 7th edition is the required textbook. ISBN: 9781337557719

Students will also read articles, view film, audio and video clips posted on Canvas. Please also see Canvas for Daily Overview, Daily Materials and Daily Task



## Student Expectations

In this course you will be expected to complete the following tasks:

- log into Canvas
- read all class announcements
- read textbook
- communicate via email
- complete basic internet searches
- download and upload documents to the Canvas LMS
- read documents online
- view online videos

## Course Technology Requirements

You will need a **stable internet connection** (do not rely on cellular) to participate in this course. A webcam and a microphone may prove useful for virtual office hours.

## Technical Assistance.

If you need technical assistance at any time during the course or to report a problem with Canvas you can click the Help button near bottom left of Canvas navigation screen. There, you have the following options:

- Ask a question of your instructor
- Email Canvas personnel
- Chat with Canvas personnel

You can also look up [Canvas guides](#) for documentation on issues, seek assistance from the IT Service Desk at 715-346-HELP (4357), 1-877-832-8977, or [itsvdesk@uwsp.edu](mailto:itsvdesk@uwsp.edu)

## Students with Disabilities

The University has a legal responsibility to provide accommodations and program access as mandated by Section 54 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The university's philosophy is to not only provide what is mandated but also convey its genuine concern for one's total well-being. If accommodations are needed, please contact the instructor as well as the Disability and Assistive Technology Center (DATC), located on the Stevens Point campus. DATC contact information:

(715) 346-3365 (Voice)

(715) 346-3362 (TDD only)

or via email at [datctr@uwsp.edu](mailto:datctr@uwsp.edu)

## Class Assignments

**Chapter Quizzes** (100 points) There are eight short quizzes (true false/multiple) over each assigned chapter from your textbook. Your top four-chapter quizzes count towards your final grade. All quizzes are due the class after the material is covered. Please see class schedule or calendar for due dates.

**Discussions** (50 points): There are two required discussions assigned throughout the semester.

**Exams** (300 points) Three exams will be given during the semester plus a comprehensive final exam. The exams will cover information from class lectures, audio-visual materials, and the readings indicated on the course schedule. You are responsible for all readings even if they are not discussed specifically in class. Dates for exams are on the course schedule. Any changes in exam dates will be posted in the Canvas announcements. Each of these exams is worth 100 points. Students have the option of either dropping the lowest exam score or not taking the final. Exam format will be discussed during class. Makeup exams will only be allowed for *documented* emergencies and health concerns. Please consult with me if this is needed

**Essays** (100 points): There are seven essay assignments, which will be assigned on online class days throughout the semester. Student are required to complete two of these essays. It is recommended that students complete at least one essay before the midterm.

**Grades:** Letter grades will be assigned based on the percentage of the possible points that are earned. The point system may be revised. Bring your syllabus and reading schedule to class so you can note any changes.

A	93-100	B-	80-82	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	C+	77-79	D	60-66
B+	87-89	C	73-76	F	59 & below
B	83-86	C-	70-72		

## Late Policy

Be sure to pay close attention to deadlines posted on Canvas—there will be no make-up assignments or quizzes, and late work will not be accepted without a serious and compelling reason and instructor approval.

## Rights and Responsibilities

This class will adhere to all guidelines established in the UWSP Community Rights and Responsibilities. If you are not fully aware of these rights and responsibilities please see the Student Rights and Responsibilities available in PDF format at <http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Student-Conduct.aspx> , specifically you may wish to examine Chapter 14—Student Academic Standards and Disciplinary Procedures .

## Canvas Policy

All class assignments, course material, and grades will be posted on [Canvas](#). Students are expected to check Canvas often. Any errors or concerns regarding Canvas postings must be discussed with the instructor within a week of posting for any grade change to be considered. If you have not used Canvas before, please go through the Canvas area under the Student Resources module within the first week of class.

## Optional Reading in the Disciplines Section

To help you succeed in this course, you may choose to enroll in an optional one-credit, pass-fail Reading in the Disciplines (RID) section. This section will meet once a week with a student facilitator to discuss the readings for Sociology 230. You may register for one of these courses via AccesSPoint. This discussion course starts Week 3. For more information, please contact Amanda Meidl in the Tutoring-Learning Center (TLC) [Amanda.Meidl@uwsp.edu](mailto:Amanda.Meidl@uwsp.edu).



Cell Phones and all other devices (tablets, laptops, etc.) are to be turned off or silenced during class. Please be sure these devices are put away out of view during class; there is no text messaging, web browsing, etc., during class.