

## OUTCOMES BASED LEARNING MATRIX

**Course:** Criminology (SOCI 203)

**Department:** Social Science

**Course Description:** “Topics include the historical, political and social forces involved in the development of crime theory, and critique of the most prominent crime theories referenced in criminal justice and related fields. Attention will be given to major categories of criminal behavior, and current theoretical and research developments in regards to explaining various criminal behaviors in our society. Prerequisite: Principles of Sociology (SOCI 104) or Departmental Approval.”

*COURSE OUTCOMES	OUTCOMES ACTIVITIES	ASSESSMENT TOOLS
Students should be able... to understand the complexity in defining criminology aka: crime theory in appreciating why the influence of law breakers, law makers, and societal reactions is necessary.	<p>Read the appropriate sections in the text and handouts. (R, CT).</p> <p>Take notes on lectures and class discussions. (W, CT)</p> <p>Actively engage in class lectures and discussions. (OC, R, CT)</p>	<p>Writing Assignments (R, TS, CT, W)</p> <p>Tests (R, W, CT)</p> <p>Class participation (OC)</p>
Students should be... familiarized with major research, and crime course statistic developments and techniques in the field of criminology.	<p>Read the appropriate sections in the text. (R, CT)</p> <p>Take notes on lectures and class discussions. (W, CT)</p>	<p>Writing Assignments (R, TS, CT, W)</p> <p>Tests (R, W, CT)</p> <p>Class participation (OC)</p>
Students should be... familiarized with the major theoretical frameworks from which criminal behavior is analyzed and studied in our society.	<p>Read the appropriate sections in the text. (R, CT)</p> <p>Take notes on lectures and class discussions. (W, CT)</p> <p>Analyze Case Studies as provided through text, handouts, and/or instructional media (R, CT, TS)</p>	<p>Writing Assignments (R, TS, CT, W)</p> <p>Tests (R, W, CT)</p> <p>Class participation (OC)</p>

<p>Students should be able... to critically examine the major forms of criminal behavior with focus on those most often addressed by the formal social control of the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>Read the appropriate sections in the text. (R, CT)</p> <p>Take notes on lectures and class discussions. (W, CT)</p> <p>Analyze Case Studies as provided through text, handouts, and/or instructional media. (R, CT, TS)</p> <p>Actively engage in class lectures and discussions. (OC, R, CT)</p>	<p>Writing Assignments (R, TS, CT, W) Tests (R, W, CT) Class participation (OC)</p>
<p>Students should be able... to understand and appreciate how historical, political and social forces impacts the experiences and responses to addressing criminal behavior in our society.</p>	<p>Read the appropriate sections in the text. (R, CT)</p> <p>Take notes on lectures and class discussions. (W, CT)</p> <p>Actively engage in class lectures and discussions. (OC, R, CT)</p>	<p>Writing Assignments (R, TS, CT, W) Tests (R, W, CT) Class participation (OC)</p>

\*Indicate the Core Competencies that apply to the outcomes activities and assessment tools: Critical Thinking (CT); technology skills (TS); oral communications (OC); reading (R); writing (W).