SOCI 206
Crime and Deviance

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Course Description and Objectives:

In this course, students will be introduced to the key theories in the sociology of deviance, crime and social control. Students will be encouraged to think critically about what deviance is, who defines it and whether this definition changes over time. We will cover a wide range of topics including portrayals of crime in the media, race and crime, violence against women, and high-risk offenders. We will also consider criminal justice system responses to crime: incarceration, restorative justice, rehabilitation etc. and how the way that crime and deviance is measured affects both official and public responses to crime.

By the end of this course, students will be able to identify the differences between various theoretical approaches to crime and deviance and explain the main assumptions of each approach. This course will also provide students with critical thinking skills that allow them to evaluate and discuss the official and unofficial responses to crime, as well as identify the key challenges of current responses to crime.

Required Resources May Include: