SOC 245 Social, Cultural, and Media Studies

COURSE NAME/NUMBER: SOC 245
FACULTY/DEPARTMENT: Deviant Behaviour
UFV CREDITS: 3

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:
This course provides a critical introduction to the sociological study of deviance and social control. The aim is to explore the essence of deviant behaviour—its construction, explanation, commission, and control. The course may cover both classical and contemporary approaches including lifecourse, general strain, institutional anomie, and feminist theories. In addition, we will apply the theories to various topics including violence, substance use, mental illness, stigma, identity management, and social control.

PREREQUISITES:
SOC 101. CRIM 104 recommended

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces:
(b) Cross-listed with:
(c) Cannot take: for further credit.

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 45

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:
Length of course:

SERVICE COURSE TO: (department/program)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)
Yes ☒ No ☐

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)
Yes ☒ No ☐

TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:
Yes ☒ No ☐

Course designer(s): Katherine Watson revised by Martha Dow

Date approved: April 2013
LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. explain basic sociological theories in the study of deviance and social control.
2. apply these theories to important issues within the field.
3. demonstrate an understanding of the role that both society and the individual play in the construction of deviance, and in its commission and control.
4. articulate a sociological analysis of pressing social issues and problems that have become labelled as deviance.

METHODS: (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)
Lecture, discussion, exams, and written assignments

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):
☐ Examination(s) ☐ Portfolio assessment ☐ Interview(s)
☑ Other (specify): Methods will be considered on a case by case basis

☐ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:
[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

STUDENT EVALUATION:
[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]
Assignment 1 15%
Assignment 2 15%
Mid-term exam 35%
Final exam 35%

COURSE CONTENT:
[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]
Week 1: Course introduction
Week 2: Constructing deviance
Week 3: Constructing deviance continued
Week 4: Explaining deviance - Classical approaches
Week 5: Explaining deviance - Contemporary approaches
Week 6: Mid-term exam
Week 7: Substance use and abuse
Week 8: Violence
Week 9: Sexual deviance
Week 10: Mental illness
Week 11: Stigma and identity management
Week 12: Deviance and social control
Week 13: Social control continues and conclusion