

# COURSE DETAIL

## CRIMINOLOGY

**Country**

Hong Kong

**Host Institution**

University of Hong Kong

**Program(s)**

University of Hong Kong

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Sociology

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

CRIMINOLOGY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

CRIMINOLOGY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

5.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

3.30

## **Course Description**

The course introduces the discipline of criminology from a sociological perspective. The course investigates how and by whom crime and criminal behavior are interpreted, and pushes beyond the easy (but always insufficient) answers of common sense; introduces a sociological imagination about criminology - to learn how to think sociologically about the problem of crime; and looks at some of the essential knowledge about crime and criminal behavior. What distinguishes criminology from common sense understandings of crime and criminality? What is crime and how is it measured? How are perceptions and responses to crime inter-related? Crime is not a fixed and objective entity, but very much open to definition. The phenomena of crime and deviance have been seen, experienced, and defined differently in different historical periods, in different cultures, and in different political settings. This course puts crime in historical, cultural, and political contexts. Assessment: essay, group presentation, final exam.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

SOCI2071

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Sociology

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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