

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

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sociology

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