SOC 3324 – SOCIOLOGY OF CRIMINAL LAW

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OFFICIAL COURSE DESCRIPTION: Sociology of Criminal Law (3cr. Prereq. Soc 3322) The nature, history, goals and problems of the administration of the American criminal justice process.

INSTRUCTOR’S DESCRIPTION: This course is intended to acquaint you with the history, sociology and application of American criminal law and criminal procedure. Class time will be used for a combination of lectures, case study and class participation. Class meets 6:00 PM - 8:40 PM Mondays, Fall semester

REQUIRED TEXT:


READINGS:

In addition to the text the following readings are required:


2. Gordon, David M. Class and Economics of Crime. (16 pages)

3. Lewis, Anthony. Gideon’s Trumpet. (11 pages)

4. Blumberg, Abraham S. The Practice of Law, a Confidence Game. Organizational Co-Optation of a Profession. (14 pages)

5. Silberman, Charles Criminal Violence-Criminal Justice-Chapters 1,2,5, Random House
REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS:

Attendance: Attendance is not required, but it is not possible to pass the class without attending regularly.

Recitation: All students will be required to orally recite assigned material.

Examinations: Grading policy: grades will be determined by a combination of the student’s performance on the examination(s) and oral recitation. Examinations are all cumulative and account for 2/3 of the final grade and are graded on a curve. Exams are a combination of essay and short answer. There are no make-up examinations. Class participation and recitation accounts for 1/3 of the grade.

SPECIAL FACILITIES AND/OR ARRANGEMENTS: Individuals who have any disability, either permanent or temporary, which might affect their ability to perform in this class, are encouraged to inform the instructor at the start of the quarter. Adaptations of methods, materials, or testing may be made as required to provide for equitable participation.

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Investigation
Adams v. Williams
Hayes v. Florida
U.S. v. Dionisio

Week 4  Search and Seizure
(The 4th Amendment)
Payton v. New York
Chimel v. California
Chambers v. Maroney
South Dakota v. Opperman
United States v. Robinson
United States v. Edwards
Stoner v. California
Bumper v. North Carolina

Week 5  The Exclusionary Rule
Mapp v. Ohio
Wong Sun v. United States
U.S. v. Leon

Week 6  Identification
United States v. Wade
Kirby v. Illinois
Neil v. Biggers

Week 7  Self Incrimination
(The 5th Amendment)
Brown v. Mississippi
Spano v. New York
Massiah v. U.S.
Brewer v. Williams
Escobedo v. Illinois
Miranda v. Arizona
Schmerber v. California

Week 8  Right to Counsel
(The 6th Amendment)
Lewis: Gideon’s Trumpet
Powell v. Alabama
Betts v. Brady
Gideon v. Wainwright
Douglas v. California
Argersinger v. Hamlin
Faaretta v. California
Week 9  Public & Speedy Trials

U.S. v. Marion
Barker v. Wingo
Sheppard v. Maxwell
Richmond News v Virginia

Week 10  Plea Bargaining and Sentencing

Blumberg: The Practice as a Confidence Game.
North Carolina v. Alford
Solem v. Helm
Gregg v Georgia
Blakely v. Washington

Week 11  Trial

Brady v. Maryland
Pointer v. Texas
Illinois v. Allen
Crawford v. Washington

Week 12  Juvenile Justice

In Re Gault

Week 13  Solutions

Week 14  Review and Makeup