

CRIM 499_SENIOR SEMINAR FALL 2016

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COURSE OBJECTIVE:

This course integrates fundamental concepts, theories, research methods, and substantive subject areas learned within the criminology major. This course serves as the capstone course for the criminology major and is intended to gauge what students have learned in their criminology courses.

TEXTBOOK:

There is no text book for this course. However, to pass the Senior Assessment exam at the end of the semester, you will need to review the material that you learned in the seven core courses that comprise the criminology major: CRIM 101: Introduction to Criminal Justice, SOCL 300: Social Statistics, SOCL 302: Research Methods, SOCL 309: Social Deviance, CRIM 332: Juvenile Delinquency, and CRIM 380: Penology.

GRADE DETERMINATION:

This course is a pass-fail course. In order to 'pass' CRIM 499, you must successfully complete the following task:

1. Achieve a score of at least **60** on the objective Senior Assessment Exam by the dates listed in the course schedule

*Note: Students who fail to achieve a score of 60 on the Senior Assessment Exam will be required to complete a remedial task of the professor's choosing. This remedial task will be graded pass/fail by the professor and possibly one other criminology professor.

SENIOR ASSESSMENT EXAM

In order to pass this portion of the course, a student must earn a score of 60. The exam is taken through blackboard. **The exam must be taken at any proctored testing center.** Students will have **two hours** to complete the exam and *students may not use notes or books during the exam.*

The exam is password protected and uses browser lockdown which not allow a student to open any other window or application while the test is in process. Students can schedule to take the exam with the WKU testing center through the following link: <http://www.wku.edu/testing/>.

Students are asked to complete the exam in advance of finals week. This is to ensure that if a student does not pass the exam, ample time remains in the semester for them to complete the remedial task, allow me time to grade it, and finish the semester on time. ***Students may take the exam any day from Monday November 14 to Friday November 18 at any time that the testing center can accommodate.***

The exam consists of **100** multiple choice questions. The distribution of questions are as follows: CRIM 231: Introduction to Criminal Justice (17 questions); CRIM 330: Criminology (17

questions); SOCL 300: Social Statistics (18 questions); SOCL 302: Research Methods (18 questions); SOCL 309: Social Deviance (10 questions); CRIM 332: Juvenile Delinquency (10 questions); and CRIM 380: Penology (10 questions). The questions were written by full-time faculty who regularly teach that course. *A study guide can be found on the course blackboard page. If you have questions about any item within a subject area, you should go to the professor who taught that course when you took it.*

REMEDIAL ASSIGNMENT

If a student does not earn a score of 60 on the assessment exam, they should contact me *immediately* to receive the remedial assignment. This assignment will be graded as pass/fail by either the listed course instructor or a committee of two to three criminology faculty members.

If you are required to complete this assignment, you will submit it via a link in blackboard no later than **9AM on Tuesday, November 29.**

FROM THE OFFICE FOR STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in Downing University Center A-200. The phone number is 745-5004; TTY is 745-3030. Per university policy, please **DO NOT** request accommodation directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the OFSDS.

COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	ITEM
Thursday, October 13	Course begins - students will have access to the study guide
Monday 11/14 to Friday 11/18	Student must take the Senior Assessment Exam at a proctored exam center on any of these dates.
Tuesday, November 29	Remedial assignment is due by 9AM and should be submitted through blackboard. Note: only students failing to earn a score of 60 on the exam are required to complete this assignment.