

Faculty of Law



ECRI2104 Criminal Sociology

[45h+15h exercises] 6 credits

Teacher(s): Fabienne Brion
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

- ° Expose the major theories and fundamental concepts in sociological criminology.
- ° Develop analytical skills required for critical appraisal of criminological research
- ° Introduce to sociological reasoning and practice as applied to deviance and social control, crime and legal punishment (formulation of research hypotheses, analysis of empirical data)

Main themes

This course surveys major theoretical approaches to deviance and social control, and to crime and legal punishment.

Content and teaching methods

Contents:

The theories surveyed are :

- (1) The social disorganization and ecological theories
- (2) The subcultural and strain theories
- (3) The differential association and social learning theories
- (4) The anomie and structural-functionalist theories
- (5) The labelling and social-constructionist theories
- (6) The power-conflict and marxist theories

Teaching Methods :

Lecture course and seminars (practical exercises). Attendance at all lectures and seminars is required.

Reading assignments.

Study questions.

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Complementary readings: presentation, analysis and discussion of selected texts: E Burgess, CR Shaw, HD Mc Kay, E Sutherland, T Sellin, E Durkheim, R.K. Merton, HS. Becker, E Goffman, H. Garfinkel

In-class written exam.

15-pages take-home essay (seminar-practical exercises)