# FLORIDA ATLANTIC

### **Graduate Programs—COURSE CHANGE REQUEST**

UGPC APPROVAL	
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CATALOG	

DEPARTMENT: CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	College: Design and Social Inquiry	
Course Prefix and Number: CCJ 6056	CURRENT COURSE TITLE: CRIMINOLOGY	
Change(s) are to be effective (List term). Spring 2013	TERMINATE COURSE (LIST FINAL ACTIVE TERM):	
CHANGE TITLE TO: UNDERSTANDING CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR	CHANGE PREREQUISITES/MINIMUM GRADES TO*:	
CHANGE PREFIX FROM: TO:		
CHANGE COURSE No. FROM: TO:	CHANGE COREQUISITES TO*:	
CHANGE CREDITS FROM: TO:		
CHANGE GRADING FROM: TO:		
CHANGE DESCRIPTION TO: CONSIDERS THE SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT AND PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF CRIMINOLOGY. ANALYZES CRIMINAL AND DELINQUENT BEHAVIOR WITHIN THE DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS OF SOCIETY.	CHANGE REGISTRATION CONTROLS TO:	
	*Please list both existing and new pre/corequisites, specify AND or OR, and include minimum passing grade.	
Attach syllabus for ANY changes to current course information.		
Should the requested change(s) cause this course to overlap any other FAU courses, please list them here.	Departments and/or colleges that might be affected by the change(s) must be consulted and listed here. Please attach comments from each.	

Faculty contact, email and complete phone number: Dr. Rachel Santos, rboba@fau.edu, 561-297-3240

Approved by:	Date:	ATTACHMENT CHECKLIST
Department Chair: Tolk V. Mai		*Syllabus (see guidelines for requirements:
College Curriculum Chair: E Henry		http://www.fau.edu/graduate/facultyandstaff/ programscommittee/index.php)
College Dean: Cloudery	9/27/12	programscommattee/maes.pnp/
UGPC Chair:		*Written consent from all departments
Graduate College Dean:		affected by changes

Email this form and syllabus to <u>UGPC@fau.edu</u> one week before the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

# Florida Atlantic University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice CCJ 6056 UNDERSTANDING CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (3 Credits) Dr. David Kalinich

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#### Readings:

Vito and Maahs (2012). Criminology: Theory, Research, and Policy (3ed), Jones and Bartlett.

In addition, for the graduate seminar, students are required to select 3 articles from scholarly journals for each week pertaining to the weekly topic and post the articles to the discussion board along with a written summary of each article with a summary of the findings beyond the abstract and the strengths and weaknesses of the article. Please bring a hard copy of the summary to class for the presentation.

#### Course Description:

Considers the scientific thought and practice in the field of criminology. Analyzes criminal and delinquent behavior within the demographic and ecological systems of society.

#### Course Objectives:

Specifically, this course provides an overview of the nature and scope of delinquency and crime problems and considers problems of assessment and measurement of delinquency and crime. Students will survey available theoretical formulation concerning criminal and delinquent behavior and consider the nature of scientific thought and practice in this field, while analyzing crime, delinquency, and victimization within the demographic and ecological systems of society. By the end of the course, students will able to:

- 1. Examine the definitions and codification of crime
- 2. Understand the methods used to measure crime
- 3. Study the validity and reliability of measures
- 4. Examine crime and criminal behavior through demographic perspectives
- 5. Understand the biological, physiological, social psychological, and sociological causes of crime and criminality
- 6. Think critically and creatively about our understanding of crime and causes of criminal behavior
- 7. Understand the extent to which theory is applied or can be applied to reduce criminal behavior

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### Assignment Schedule:

(Week one)	Introduction/discussion., Vitto Chapter 1
(Week two)	Defining and Measuring Crime, Vitto, Chapter 2
(Week three)	Trait Theory/Choice Theory, Vitto, Chapters 3 & 4
(Week four)	Psychology and Crime, Vitto, Chapter 5
(Week five)	Social Theory, Vitto, Chapter 6
(Week six)	Midterm Exam
(Week seven)	Spring Break
(Week eight)	Social Process Theory, Chapter 7
(Week nine)	Developmental Theories, Vitto, Chapter 8
(Week ten)	Social Conflict Theory, Vitto, Chapter 9
(Week eleven)	Violent Crime, Vitto, Chapter 10
(Week twelve)	Property Crime, Vitto, Chapter 11
(Week thirteen)	Political Crime – Terrorism, Vitto, Chapter 13
(Week fourteen)	Enterprise Crime, Vitto, Chapter 14
(Week fifteen)	Economic structure and Conditions and Crime, Vitto, Chapter 15
(Week sixteen)	Present Papers.
(Week seventeen)	Final Exam Period

#### Grading:

Midterm		200 points
Final		200 points
Term Paper		200 points
Articles brought in and presente	d	-
2 per class period, 10 classes, 10 points each		200 points
Class Participation		150 points
Attendance	50 pts	_
Class room activity	50 pts	
Paper presentation	50 pts	
Total Points		950 points

#### Grading Scale:

100% - 93% A	82% - 80% B-
92% - 90% A-	79% - 77% C+
89% - 87% B+	76% - 73% C
86% - 83% B	72% - 70% C-

Syllabus subject to change.

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Regulation 4.001 Code of Academic Integrity. Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Dishonesty is also destructive of the University community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility.

Continuation in the program requires satisfactory progress toward degree completion. Evidence of such progress includes maintenance of an overall 3.0 cumulative GPA. For each course, no grade lower than "C-" is acceptable to fulfill program requirements. Students who do not maintain the required 3.0 cumulative GPA are placed on academic probation during the semester immediately following the one in which their cumulative GPA dropped below 3.0. Failure to regain a 3.0 cumulative GPA within two successive semesters thereafter will result in dismissal from the program. Students may also be dismissed at any time that they are not making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree.

The grade of "Incomplete" will be given only in the case of a serious, unanticipated, and documented emergency that prevents the student from finishing a small part of the course. If a majority of the course cannot be completed, the incomplete will not be given. The student must be passing the course in order to receive an incomplete. The work must be made up within the next semester or it will automatically convert to the grade received without credit for the incomplete work. "Incompletes" do not erase any grades already earned.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) -- in Boca Raton, SU 133 (561-297-3880); in Davie, LA 240 (954-236-1222); or in Jupiter, SR 110 (561-799-8010)—and follow all OSD procedures.

Recording of classes will not be allowed without permission from the professor or as part of disabilities requirements.

Approved by:	Date:
School Director: 10/14 V. Mai	9/24/2012
College Curriculum Chair:	9/28/2012
College Dean: Alloughungs	9/27/12
UGPC Chair:	
Graduate College Dean:	

To: Graduate Programs Committee University

From: Dr. Khi Thai, Director, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Contact Person: Dr. Rachel Santos, Graduate Coordinator

RE: Forms and Syllabi for Course Name and Course Description Changes

Date: September 20, 2012

In Spring 2012, the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice revised its Masters of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice (MSCCJ) program with full approval from all levels of the university. However, due to time constraints, syllabi were not prepared for seven of the courses for which changes were necessary to only their names and/or their course descriptions.

Thus, this packet contains the forms and the required syllabi for only those seven courses that still require their names and/or descriptions to be changed to match the rest of the program changes that have already been approved. Note that the course descriptions have been changed primarily to match the new course name and adhere to the required three line maximum for the university catalog. The substance of the courses has not been changed.

The following are a list of the courses with their original course numbers that have not been changed and their NEW names that are being proposed for change. A note in [brackets] highlights the necessary changes for a particular course.

- 1. CCJ 6056 Understanding Criminal Behavior [Name and Course Description Change]
- 2. CCJ 6902 Criminal Justice Research and Policy Foundations [Name and Course Description Change]
- 3. CJC 6021 Correction Research, Policy, and Practice [Name Change Only]
- 4. CJJ 6046 Juvenile Justice Research, Policy, and Practice [Name Change Only]
- 5. CCJ 6142 Restorative Justice Research, Policy, and Practice [Name and Course Description Change]
- 6. CCJ 6456 Leadership in Criminal Justice Agencies [Name and Course Description Change]
- 7. CCJ 6485 Applying Criminal Justice Theory, Research, and Policy [Name and Course Description Change]