

Italian code: SPS/12	Credits: 9
Course: Criminologia e Sociologia della Devianza CA	
Main language of instruction: Italian	
Other language of instruction: English	

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Objectives

The course aims to provide an in-depth analysis of some particularly relevant issues in terms of scientific research in the field of criminology and deviance.

Course structure

The course of Criminology and Sociology of Deviance c.a. has the following disciplinary training objectives resulting from the specific objectives of the course of study:

- In-depth study of some relevant topics in criminology
- Analysis of criminological phenomena through their characterizing elements
- Description of data and cases to support the analysis of phenomena
- Application of the acquired tools to stimulate a critical reflection on criminological phenomena.

Competencies

A. Knowledge and Understanding

Acquisition of knowledge and concepts specific to the sociology of deviance and criminology, capable of analytically understanding its social complexity, in order to identify deviant elements and phenomena as well as the nature of criminal behavior.

B. Applying Knowledge and Understanding

Apply with competence, rigor and professionalism the topics covered in the course with reference to the analysis of deviance and crime in its multiple dimensions and manifestations in relation to the individual contexts observed.

C. Making Judgements

Apply what has been learned in order to be able to develop specific analyses, based on qualitative/quantitative elements, in order to the main behaviors and phenomena connected to deviance and crime.

D. Communication Skills

Acquisition of a property of language appropriate to the discipline in question, which allows him to interact with both scholars in the sector and/or professionals in the field of the discipline, and to relate to a wider and non-expert audience in the field.

E. Learning Skills

Systematically apply knowledge and skills acquired through attendance of the course, as well as to integrate them with what has been learned throughout the course of studies in order to operate easily within the discipline integrated in the perspective of social research.

Syllabus

Subject 1 – Introduction

Criminology: its origins and research methods

Subject 2 – Crime: definitions and conflicting images

Problems of definitions of “criminal” behaviour

Conflicting images of crime

Subject 3 – Violent, aggressive and sexual offences

Frequency of violent offences

Explanations of violent offending

Factors precipitating violence

The aggressive personality

Spouse or partner abuse

Child abuse

Frequency of sexual offences

Explanations of sexual offending

Exposure

Sexual offences against children

Rape

Evaluation system and criteria

The examination consists of an oral test to assess whether the fundamentals have been studied.(30/30marks).

In addition the student can do the e-tivity, about it is on the Piattaforma Sophia – Forum. The e tivity counts from 0 to 4 marks out of 30 marks.

Bibliography and resources

1. Materials to consult

Notes written by the instructor are available in Italian.

2. Recommended bibliography

Suggested readings is (the book is available at the University's library):

- STEPHEN JONES
"CRIMINOLOGY"
Seventh Edition
OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS
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