

Italian code: SPS/12	Credits: 9
Course: Sociologia dei Fenomeni Complessi	
Main language of instruction: Italian	
Other language of instruction: English	

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Objectives

The course aims to provide the main concepts, tools, theoretical and methodological approaches to research and analysis of complex criminal phenomena.

Particular attention will be paid to multidimensional deconstruction in order to identify the key elements of criminal complexity.

Course structure

The Criminology and Sociology of Deviance course has the following disciplinary educational objectives resulting from the specific objectives of the course of study:

Definition of criminal complexity

Exposition of the main elements of research applied to the study of complex criminal phenomena

Illustration of the dynamic analysis process

Description and explanation of the main concepts of radicalization, violent extremism and terrorism

Illustration of the phenomenon of organized and mafia crime.

Competencies

A. Knowledge and Understanding

Acquisition of knowledge and concepts specific to the sociology of complex criminal phenomena.

B. Applying Knowledge and Understanding

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

C. Autonomy of judgment

Apply what has been learned in order to be able to develop specific analyses, based on qualitative/quantitative elements, in order to the main complex criminal phenomena.

D. Communication Skills

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

E. Learning Skills

Systematically apply knowledge and skills acquired through attending the course, as well as integrating them with what has been learned throughout the course of study in order to operate flexibly in the field of sociology of complex criminal phenomena from 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 – Marxist and radical theories of crime

Conflict theorists

The transition

Evaluation of conflict criminology

Late modernism and the post-modern condition

Peacemaking criminology

Constitutive criminology

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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