

Italian code: GSPS-07/B **Credits: 9**
Course: Criminologia e Sociologia della Devianza
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 of Criminology and Sociology of Deviance.

First, the concepts of deviance and crime are defined, the scope of action of the disciplines. We proceed to identify the most representative currents of development of the discipline through its evolution in history, up to the latest contributions. At the end of the course, the elements of criminological research are addressed so as to be able to proceed to the scientific reading of deviant and/or criminal behaviors.

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:

Knowledge of the concepts of deviance and crime

History of the main theories on deviance and crime

Exposition of the main elements of research applied to the analysis of criminology and deviance

Application of the tools of the discipline for the analysis of a criminal phenomenon.

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:

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

C. Making judgements:

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

D. Communication skills:

Acquisition of a command of language appropriate to the discipline in question, which allows him to interact with scholars in the sector and/or professionals in the field of sociology of deviance and criminology, 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 deviance and criminology 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 – The classical and positivist traditions

Pre-Enlightenment Europe

The classical school

The neoclassical school

The positivist school

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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