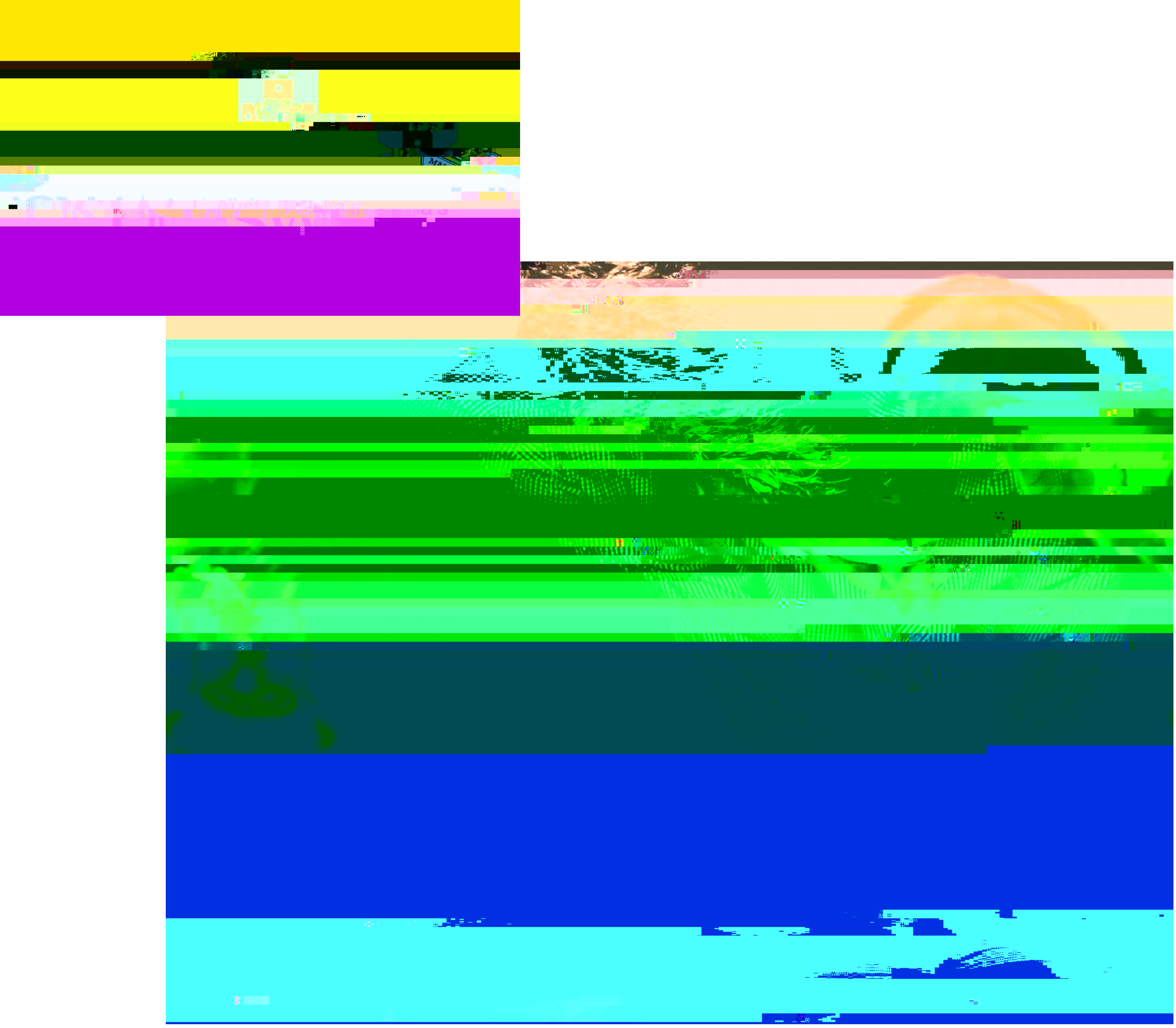

CRIM1010

Criminology: An Introduction

Term One // 2020

School of Social Sciences // UNSW Arts and Social Sciences

Course Overview

Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

Subject Area: Criminology Introduces the key concepts and current debates in criminology. Covers basic issues such as the definition, measurement and explanations of crime, societal reactions to crime, criminological theories, the role of research and the influence of criminology on public policy.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Outline the scope, aims and practices of Criminology as a discipline;
2. Identify key players, themes and debates about crime
3. Demonstrate an understanding of key criminological theories and concepts through critical engagement with literature, news and other media
4. Describe a variety of ways to define, measure and explain crime
5. Understand and use basic terminology common to the criminological field
6. Think critically about crime and its causes
7. Analyse crime problems using basic criminological perspectives

Teaching Strategies

This course requires no prior knowledge in Criminology. In accordance with UNSW Learning and Teaching Guidelines we expect to engage you in learning through a combination of lectures, tutorials, individual reading and study, guided tuition from guest lecturers and academics who are active researchers in the field, meaningful feedback on written work and tutorial participation, and structured activities that encourage independent thinking and the development of disciplinary knowledge and academic skills.

We see UNSW student learners as active participants in the production of knowledge. This course prioritises learning-by-doing and aims to foster a spirit of critical thought and active enquiry in all student learners. It is essential that you take ownership of your studies and work on developing your skills as an independent learner:

1. In this course it is expected that you will attend at least 80% of the tutorials. You need to participate in both lectures and tutorials. All our lectures and tutorials are interactive. Preparation, listening and critical engagement with course material, learning from your teachers but also your peers are essential ingredients for a successful completion of this course.
2. You need to plan carefully and use your time productively if you wish to achieve good results in this course. All assessment tasks should be researched and drafted well in advance of submission.
3. You are responsible for your own learning; work to develop skills that will enable you to engage critically and analytically with academic literature, news reporting and policy documents. The goal of this course is not to be able to reproduce the content in a descriptive manner; we will assist you to become literate in academic research skills with this course as the first stepping-stone in

Assessment

Detailed assessment instructions and marking rubrics will be made available to students at the beginning of semester on Moodle. We will have time in the tutorials to discuss the expectations for each assessment task. In addition, Moodle discussion boards will be set up for each assessment task and students are strongly encouraged to visit these regularly and use the boards to ask questions about the tasks. Though most questions will be covered during tutorials, tutors do have an additional consultation time in the week before each assessment. Email to organise this.

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Annotated bibliography	40%	27/03/2020 10:00 PM	3,5,6
Briefing paper	60%	08/05/2020 10:00 PM	1,2,3,4,5,7

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Annotated bibliography

Start date:

Length: 1200 words excluding references.

Details: Details: 1200 wordsStudents will receive written feedback and a numerical grade within two weeks of submission. The rubricent task ⱡ rB ‰ use

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Instructions are provided on Moodle.

Turnitin setting: This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Attendance Requirements

In this course it is expected that you will attend at least 80% of the tutorials in person (you can miss no more than 2 tutorials). There is some flexibility to attend a different tutorial to the one allocated on an occasional basis to cover illness/unexpected events. Attendance in person at Lectures is not required however you are expected to access the recording online if not in-person. The majority of students do attend the lecture in person as it helps make sense of the weekly topic.

Course Schedule

View class timetable

Timetable

Date	Type	Content
Week 1: 17 February - 21 February	Topic	Introduction: concepts of crime & deviance
Week 2: 24		7 ‰ ‰

Resources

Prescribed Resources

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy

Academic Information

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
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