

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
State University of New York

INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Deviant Behavior

Course Abbreviation and Number: SOC 2540

Credit Hours: 3

Course Type: Lecture

Course Description: Deviant behavior is behavior that attracts widespread social disapproval. In this course, students gain the ability to analyze a variety of deviant behaviors from sociological, critical, and cross-cultural perspectives. Topics include homicide, rape, and family violence to prostitution, unconventional sexuality, and suicide.

Eligibility: ENG 1510 without supports or **Corequisite:** ENG 1510 with supports.

General Education Requirements Met

SUNY

Social Sciences

JCC

Applied Learning
Cultural Understanding
Global Perspectives
Scientific Reasoning

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Describe major concepts and theories of at least one discipline in the social sciences. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 2. Demonstrate an understanding of the methods social scientists use to explore social phenomena. [SUNY Gen Ed – Social Sciences]
 3. Demonstrate understanding of cultural similarities and differences and how cultural norms shape each person's experience of the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Cultural Understanding]
 4. Demonstrate awareness of global issues and the impact of individual and collective decisions on life around the world. [JCC Gen Ed – Global Perspectives]
 5. Effectively apply knowledge and skills to a real-world experience, creative project, or independent intellectual investigation. [JCC Gen Ed – Applied Learning]
 6. Thoughtfully reflect on connections between concepts studied in the classroom & insights gained from an applied learning experience/project. [JCC Gen Ed – Applied Learning]
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Topics Covered:

- What is Deviant Behavior?
 - Positivist theories of deviance
 - Constructionist theories of deviance
 - Physical violence
 - Rape and child molestation
 - Family violence
 - Suicide
 - Mental disorders
 - Prostitution
 - Drug use
 - Drinking and alcoholism
 - White collar deviance
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Information for Students

- Expectations of Students
 - [Civility Statement](#)
 - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
 - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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Effective Date: Fall 2023