

HATE CRIMES

CJ 3315

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COURSE CONTENT:

This course will discuss the causes, incidence rates, and controls of hate crimes in the United States and other countries. We will examine both legal and social scientific sources of information. While it is important that you understand the basic information that will be presented, it is also vital that you examine that information critically. Although there will be some lecturing, classes will consist primarily of discussion and activities. For that reason, you must (1) complete the assigned readings on time, and (2) avoid missing class. Frequent absences will adversely affect your grade.

NOTE: THIS CLASS FULFILLS GENERAL EDUCATION AREA G REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED TEXTS:

(1) Gerstenfeld, P.B. (2004). *Hate Crimes: Causes, Controls, and Controversies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

(2) Gerstenfeld, P.B. & Grant, D.R. (2004). *Crimes of Hate: Selected Readings*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

GRADING:

Grades will be based on the following criteria: exams (60%), assignments (20%), and group project (20%). Grades will be assigned as follows:

90 to 100 - A
80 to 89 - B
70 to 79 - C
60 to 69 - D
Below 60 - F

Exams:

There will be 3 exams. Although the format of these exams may vary somewhat, they will generally be a combination of essay and short answer. Except in the most dire of emergencies, **NO MAKEUP EXAMS WILL BE PERMITTED**. However, the lowest of your 3 exam scores will be dropped; therefore, you may miss or do poorly on one exam without it affecting your grade. If you will miss more than one you must let the instructor know now.

The exam questions will be based on class discussion, lectures, films, and the readings. You are responsible for all the material in the readings, even if it isn't expressly discussed in class. Attached to this syllabus is a list of exam dates.

Assignments:

Throughout the term, you will be given periodic short assignments. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out if you've missed any assignments. No late assignments will be accepted.

Group Project:

You will be working with a small group of other students to complete a class project. More information will be given on this assignment in class.

Plagiarism: Plagiarism occurs whenever you use another person's ideas or words without giving proper credit. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will result in a failing grade in the course. It may also result in University discipline, including expulsion. If you are at all unsure about whether something constitutes plagiarism, ask the instructor!

Cell phones and other modern annoyances: It is annoying and distracting when cell phones and other electronic marvels beep, ring, or otherwise sound out in class. This is inconsiderate to both the instructor and your classmates. If you must bring one of these to class, **turn off the sound**. Anyone whose gizmo makes noise in class will be required to complete an extra assignment of the instructor's choosing; failure to complete the assignment in a satisfactory way will adversely affect your grade.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS
September 8-15	Introduction	Chapter 1, Reading #1
September 20-22	Hate Crime Laws	Chapter 2, Reading #3, 5
September 27-October 4	Constitutional and Policy Problems	Chapter 3, Reading #6, 7, 8
October 6	EXAM 1	None
October 11-18	Who Commits Hate Crimes	Chapter 4, Reading #9, 11, 13
October 20-27	Organized Hate Groups	Chapter 5, Reading #14, 15, 16
November 1	EXAM 2	None
November 3-10	Hate Crime Victims	Chapter 6, Reading #18
November 15-22	Fighting Hate	Chapter 7, Reading #22, 23
November 29-December 6	International Issues	Chapter 8, Reading #26, 27
December 8	EXAM 3	None

****NOTICE: DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES, ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHANGES WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CLASS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REMAINING APPRISED OF ANY CHANGES.****