



# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## GENERAL SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Name:** Criminology  
**Course Number:** CJS221

### Required Materials

**Textbook(s):** Larry J. Siegel, Criminology (8th ed) Cengage 2023 ; Eric W. Hickey, Serial Murderers & their Victims (7th ed) Cengage 2016  
**Required Readings:** See weekly calendar below  
**Additional Materials:** Optional materials are posted on the LMS

### Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

| Week | Chapter/Topic/Lab                                                                                                                    |
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| 1    | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 1, Crime and Criminology                                                              |
| 2    | Reading assignment and topic: Serial Murderers, Ch. 1, Introduction (serial murder typologies, mass murder classifications)          |
| 3    | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 2, The Nature and Extent of Crime                                                     |
| 4    | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 4, Rational Choice Theory                                                             |
| 5    | Reading assignment and topic: Serial Murderers, Ch. 2, Cultural Development of Monsters, Demons, and Evil                            |
| 6    | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 5, Trait Theories                                                                     |
| 7    | Reading assignment and topic: Serial Murderers, Ch. 3, Psychopathology and Biogenics of Serial Murderers                             |
| 8    | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 6, Social Structure Theories                                                          |
| 9    | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 7, Social Process Theory                                                              |
| 10   | Reading assignments and topic: Criminology, Ch. 3, Victims and Victimization; and Serial Murderers, Ch. 10, Victims of Serial Murder |
| 11   | Reading assignment and topic: Serial Murderers, Ch. 4, Social Construction of Serial Murder                                          |
| 12   | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 8, Social Conflict, Critical Criminology, and Restorative Justice                     |
| 13   | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 9, Developmental Theories: Life Course, Latent Trait, and Trajectory                  |
| 14   | Reading assignment and topic: Serial Murderers, Ch. 6, Health Care Killers                                                           |
| 15   | Reading assignment and topic: Criminology, Ch. 11, Political Crime and Terrorism                                                     |
| 16   | Comprehensive Final Examination                                                                                                      |