## SOC/AJU 434 DEVIANT BEHAVIOR 3 credit hours

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Deviant Behavior is a study of social deviancy as it relates to such areas in society as crime, delinquency, mental health and religion.

ATTENDANCE: The college policy on attendance will be **strictly enforced**. Students will receive one absence from class for every three (3) times they are tardy to class. Tardiness is disruptive for the entire class. If you find it impossible to get to this class on time you should consider dropping this class and adding a class you can get to on time each day. Students will receive a grade of F upon accumulating the following number of absences: 4 in semester classes meeting 1 time per week, 8 in semester classes meeting 2 times per week, and 12 in semester classes meeting 3 times per week. A student registering late will be charged for all absences occurring prior to reporting to class, although these may be treated as excused absences. A class roll will be signed daily and students who are tardy are responsible for signing the roll after class is dismissed that day.

Remember, an absence is an absence, excused or not. Students are responsible for making up any work they miss. If handouts or notes are given out in class, students who plan to be absent should arrange to have another student in class make notes for them and pick up their handouts.

**DROPPING THIS CLASS FROM YOUR SCHEDULE:** Dropping this class is the responsibility of the student. The proper procedure is outlined in the Mississippi College Catalog. Dropping the course after the designated drop dates will result in a grade of F no matter what your actual or cumulative grade in the class may be.

GRADE SCALE: 90%-100% = A 80%-89% = B 70%-79% = C 60%-69% = D Below 60%= F

Your grade is determined by multiplying the total number of points possible on each exam(exam points vary from test to test) by 90%, 80%, 70%, 60% to determine whether your total points equals an A,B,C,D, or F grade.

**PRE-ASSESSMENT** There is no pre-assessment test in this course.

**MAKEUP EXAMS**: You have only one week to make up an exam, after that time your grade will be a zero (0) for that exam. You must have a documented excuse, such as a letter from a Doctor regarding illness, in order to be excused from taking a schedule exam.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Students will receive 1 extra credit point for each Criminal Justice Club Career Forum that they attend during the semester. You must sign the roll at each meeting and stay for the whole program in order to receive extra credit points.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PROCEDURES/TECHNIQUES:** This course is organized around a lecture/discussion type classroom setting. The following methods of instruction are utilized during this class: lectures, transparencies, handouts, and videotapes. Students are always encouraged to interact in class, utilizing the information they have gained through course readings and contemporary news related to the course.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:** Much of the material on each exam comes from the lecture notes given in class, the text (Deviant Behavior, by Alex Thio, 3rd Edition)

transparencies, handouts and from video tapes viewed in class. There will be a minimum of 10 exams\* plus the final exam. Each exam usually covers only one chapter in the text. The final exam is not comprehensive, but will only include material from the last chapters covered in class prior to the final exam.

- \*Note: The total number of tests given in this class is subject to change at the professor's discretion.
- **READING ASSIGNMENTS:** Each undergraduate student will provide a summary of three recent (since 1995) articles concerning deviant behavior. Title, author, and journal, newspaper or periodical, along with page numbers must be included in the summary for each of the three articles. Each summary is worth 20 points. The summaries must be typed, double spaced and a four-page minimum. There are a variety of references in the College Library in addition to the multiplicity of lay materials on the subject of deviant behavior. Students are encouraged to read widely and from a variety of resources while enrolled in this course. Please notify the professor if you have difficulty in locating resource materials outside the classroom.
- **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** If you need special accommodations due to learning, physical, psychological or other disabilities, please contact Dr. Buddy Wagner in the Counseling and Career Development Center. Dr. Wagner may be reached by phone at 601.925.3354 or by mail at Box 4063, Clinton, MS 39058

## GRADUATE STUDENT REQUIREMENTS/DEADLINES: AJU-434Z-DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

I. You can write a 25 page footnoted research paper on a serial killer selected from the list below, complete with bibliography

OR

2. Read three books on three different serial killers and write 3 book reports and present a 10 minute oral, in depth report, to the class on one of the three books.

## **DEADLINES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Graduate students who choose to write a research paper must have the topic selected. Typed outlines that are received late will cause the student to be penalized one letter grade on the final research paper grade. Typed research papers received late will cause the student to be penalized one letter grade on the final research paper grade for each day (weekend days do not count) the paper is late.

Book reviews are a minimum of 5 typed pages and a maximum of six typed (double spaced) pages.

**Deviant Behavior** 

Course Description: Over the course of the next few months we will be examining in some detail various theories and forms of deviant behavior. This course consists of informal lectures, video tape presentations, class discussions and occasional assigned readings and some possible oral reports by various graduate students.

Assigned readings come from Alex Thio's text on **Deviant Behavior**.

You should read all the assignment before the first meeting at which the assignment will be discussed in class.

Students should attempt to be present at each class meeting (4 absences, excused or unexcused from a night class result in an automatic failing grade) and to take every exam when scheduled. There will be one exam covering the first four chapters and after that exams will be given on each chapter. You exams will consist of essay questions,

true and false questions, short answer questions, fill-in-the-blank questions, and matching questions.

We will have a chapter test on each succeeding Tuesday night till the end of the term. All tests will be taken during the first hour of class and lectures, videos, will follow the next 1:45 Min. of class.

Grading: Grading is on a ten-point scale

100-90% of total possible points equal an A

89-80% of total possible points equal a **B** 

79-70% of total possible points equal a C

69-60% of total possible points equal a **D** 

## **Graduate Student Special Course Requirements**

Graduate Student who choose to write a research paper must have the topic selected.

Typed outlines that are received later will cause the student to be penalized one letter grade on the final research paper grade. Papers received late will be penalized one letter grade on their final research paper grade for each day the papers are late. Book Reviews are a minimum of 5 pages, maximum of 6

Book reviews may not be received after their due dates. Graduate

Students who plagiarize will receive a failing grade automatically