PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND FULLY. IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO PRINT IT OUT, SO YOU WILL HAVE IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU IN CASE YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT ANYTHING.

Quick overview of course: 1) 3 assignments for each chapter; 2) 4 exams; 3) 1 paper - all information regarding the course is listed

Instructor: Traci Elliott
Class: Criminology 2336 IN
Time: Internet
Office Location: Alvin Community College/Pearland College Center
Office hours: I will check my WebCT email at least once a day Monday-Friday. You should have a response from me within 48 hours Monday-Friday by 5pm. If you email me something after 5pm on Friday, you will not have a response until Monday. The quickest and best way to get in touch with me would be through WebCT email or at telliott@alvincollege.edu (only if there is a problem with WebCT email.)
Telephone: My telephone number at ACC is 281-756-3724 – Patty Balderas will take a message and give it to me.

Course Description: A survey of current theories and empirical research pertaining to crime, criminal behavior, and its causes, methods or prevention, system of punishment, and rehabilitation. It goes in conjunction with other classes in Sociology such as Introductory Sociology (offered online), Marriage and the Family (offered online), Minority Studies (offered online), Social Problems (offered online), Human Sexuality (offered online), Juvenile Delinquency, and Drug Use and Abuse which are all offered at Alvin Community College. As an internet class, you are responsible for the material from the book and WebCT assignments. Alvin Community College now offers an Associates Degree in both Sociology and Psychology. Please let me know if you are interested in either of these plans and I will be happy to help you.

Required Text: Criminology - 9th ed. by Larry Siegel - available at the bookstore. Please make sure that the code is with your book before you leave the bookstore. They are very strict on their return policy. If you buy the wrong book, they may not take it back and there is nothing I can do about that.

Cheating and Plagiarism: Alvin Community College prohibits cheating and plagiarism. If you are caught you will be punished according to Alvin Community College policy.

Alvin Community College offers assistance to physically challenged and learning disabled students. Please call me if you need any assistance.
Course Requirements: This course consists of class assignments through WebCT, and four exams.

Grading: Class assignments will be worth 51 points, the paper will be worth 9 points and the four exams will be worth 10.00 each. All of that together is a total of 100 points. If you do every class assignment by the due date and there is not a problem with them, you will receive 1 point for each one. You are responsible for knowing if you have turned in all of your assignments. There is now a column per assignment under the grading section to help you to help you keep track of what you have turned in. If you have any questions about that, I will be happy to answer them. Exam grades are calculated as follows: If you make an 85/B on an exam it will be multiplied by .10 to get the points calculation – which for an 85 would be 8.50 points out of 10.00 points. All the points for assignments, the paper and the exams will be totaled up at the end of the semester for your final grade. You can access your grades from the course menu by clicking on my grades – (that is on the left when you log onto WebCT). Remember that everything is on a point system and the points are added up after everything is turned in. The final grade column currently does not total the grades up like that, so do not refer to that column right now. I am working on it and will let you know when or if it can be changed to add up the points.

Incompletes are only given for very extreme circumstances – family emergency, illness, accident, etc. The withdraw deadline is November 10, 2006.

*****It would be a good idea for you to email me as soon as you receive this package, so I know you have successfully logged onto WebCT. *****

I can only answer questions regarding the course material. Any technical questions regarding WebCT should be directed to the Distance Education Department 281-756-3728.

CLASS ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

There are 3 assignments for each chapter. You will find 2 assignments for each chapter listed under the assignments tab in WebCT. Each assignment will be listed by chapter number so they will be easy to find.

There are discussion questions for each chapter. You will find them under the discussions tab in WebCT.

There is a column under the grading tab for every assignments and exam, so you can keep track of what you have turned in.

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES:
Due dates for chapters 1-4: September 20th
Due dates for chapters 5-9: October 18th
Due dates for chapters 10-13: November 15th
Due dates for chapters 14-17: December 1st

Please note: WebCT will not let you submit an assignment after the due date. I will not change due dates in WebCT for any student. If your assignment is late, you will not receive the point for that assignment!!!

THE PAPER:
The paper is worth 9 points and is due on October 26th. I would like for you to look at the Theories of Crime Causation chapters – which are chapters 4-9. I would like you to write a 5 page paper that is double spaced with 1 inch margins around all sides. The paper should be about what theories you believe are the reason we have crime today. Do not copy anything directly from the book that you do not give the author credit for. You can also use any other information you find via the assignments or internet. You can use crime examples, your opinion, and/or expert opinions. I really want to know what you think about crime in society today.

EXAM INFORMATION:

VERY IMPORTANT- YOU WILL FIND THE EXAMS UNDER THE ASSESSMENT TAB IN WEBCT.

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Exams are online and are available from August 24th thru December 6th until midnight. Since the exams are online, there can be no review for them. The computer automatically generates a new and random question exam for each student, so no 2 exams will ever be the same. The exams will be made up of 50 multiple choice questions that will count 2 points each.