INSTRUCTOR:  DR. MIKE WIGGINTON JR.
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OFFICE HOURS:  Mon: 10:00 am to 12:00
               Wed: 10:00 am to 12:00
               Thu:  4:30pm to 6:30 pm
               Fri: 10:00am to 11:00 am
               OR By Appointment

COURSE DATE & TIME:  MWF 9:00 am to 9:50 am
TERM DATES: AUGUST 16 TO DECEMBER 1, 2017
Course Location: Tech 340

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
TITLE: Vold's Theoretical Criminology
AUTHOR(S): Thomas Bernard, Jeffrey Snipes, & Alexander Gerould
PUBLISHER: Oxford University Press

COURSE OBJECTIVES: To provide the student with an understanding of:
1). Causes of crime, such as biological, psychological and sociological.
2). Classical Criminology.
3). Lombroso's Born Criminal Theory.
4). Positivist School of Criminology.
5). "Psychological" factors of criminal behavior.
6). Durkheim's Anomie Theory.
7). Strain Theories.
8). Control Theories.
9). Crime being learned behavior.

WRITING INTENSIVE DESIGNATION:
Because this course has been designated as “Writing Intensive” (WI), students must submit assignments representing a minimum of 5,000 words.

COURSE GRADING:
A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 60-69
F = <60
**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AT A GLANCE:**

Exams (three at 25% each) 75%
4-5 Reflective Papers 25%

**REFLECTIVE PAPERS:**

It is anticipated that students, over the course of the semester, will be required to write 4 to 5 reflective papers upon completing instruction on certain substantive topics deemed appropriate by the instructor. Additional instructions will be forthcoming regarding this particular aspect of course requirements. Criteria used for grading include, but are NOT limited to: organization, logic, coherence, structural ability, grammar, punctuation, spelling, usage, and citation to authority. The sum of these “reflective papers” will be worth 25% of the final grade. Students are strongly encouraged to use their time wisely and begin writing their papers ahead of the due dates announced in class. By doing so, there should be sufficient time to seek assistance from the USM Writing Center (located on campus in Cook Library, Room 112).

The paper should be typed in 12-point font, be double spaced, and conform to APA writing style. APA assistance is available at the Purdue Owl website (http://owl.english.purdue.edu). Please remember to use citations when appropriate.

**EXAMS:**

There will be three (3) exams for this class (each worth 25% of the final grade). The exams will contain Multiple Choice, True/False, and Short Answer questions. An exam review will be held in class one week prior to the exam. All exam dates will be revealed in class.

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY:**

The last day to add/drop without Academic/Financial Penalty is August 23. After this date, no tuition refund whatsoever will be issued, and all approved drops will result in a grade of “W.” After October 27, no course withdrawals are permitted (meaning the student will receive an actual grade in the course).

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

It is extremely important that students interact and participate in class discussions; and as a result, it is imperative that students attend class on a regular basis to achieve this goal. With that stated, no more than three (3) unexcused absences are allowed for this class. If a student has 4 or more unexcused absences, he/she will receive a one letter reduction in grade. Students are expected to come to class on time.

**CLASSROOM DEMEANOR:**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in appropriate manner. No disruptive behavior will be tolerated. Laptop computers will be permitted in class for note
taking purposes only. Texting is NOT permitted in class unless student has an emergency situation. If a student continues to text message after a warning the student will instructed to leave the class.

**EXAM MAKE-UP POLICY**
Students are expected to take examinations on the scheduled date and time. In the event of a missed exam, the make-up will be taken (if permitted) at the Instructor’s discretion. To qualify for this privilege, the Instructor must be notified in advance preferably by email or in case of an unavoidable emergency, as soon thereafter as possible.

**ADA SYLLABUS STATEMENT:**
If a student has a disability that qualifies under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, he/she should contact the Office of Disability Accommodations (ODA) for information on appropriate policies and procedures. Disabilities covered by ADA may include learning, psychiatric, physical disabilities, or chronic health disorders. Students can only contact ODA if they are NOT certain whether a medical condition/disability qualifies.

**Mailing Address:**
The University of Southern Mississippi  
Office of Disability Accommodations  
118 College Drive #8586  
Hattiesburg, MS. 39406-0001

**Contact Information:**
Telephone: (601) 266-5024  
TTY: (601) 266-683-6837  
FAX: (601) 266-6035

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY SYLLABUS STATEMENT:**
All students at The University of Southern Mississippi are expected to demonstrate the highest levels of academic integrity in all that they do. Forms of academic dishonesty include (but are not limited to):

- Cheating including copying from others’ work.
- Plagiarism: representing another person’s words or ideas as your own; failure to properly cite the source of your information, argument, or concepts.
- Falsification of documents.
- Disclosure of test or other assignment content to another student.
- Submission of the same paper or other assignment to more than one class without the explicit approval of all faculty members involved.
- Unauthorized academic collaboration with others.
- Conspiracy to engage in academic misconduct.

Engaging in these behaviors or supporting others who do so will result in academic penalties and/or sanctions. If a faculty member determines that a student violated our Academic Integrity Policy, sanctions ranging from resubmission of work to course failure may occur, including the possibility of receiving a grade of “XF” for the
course, which will be on the student’s transcript with the notation “Failure due to academic misconduct.” For more details please refer to the University’s Academic Integrity Policy: [http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies-acaf-pro-012](http://www.usm.edu/institutional-policies-acaf-pro-012). Note that repeated acts of academic misconduct will lead to expulsion from the USM.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

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Nov. 27 Chapter Fourteen Text

Dec. 6 FINAL EXAM (8:00 – 10:30 am)

Dec. 8 COMMENCEMENT

*****NOTE: The Instructor Reserves the right to amend the course syllabus at any time. Students will be notified via USM email of any/all changes.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 23 Last day to add/drop full term classes without academic or financial penalty.

August 23 Last day to drop full term classes without a grade of “W.”

September 4 Labor Day Holiday

October 19-20 Fall Break

October 27 Last day to withdraw from full term classes with grade of “W.”

November 11 Last day to file application for degree for Spring 2018 Commencement without a fee.

November 22-24 Thanksgiving Holidays

December 1 Last day of class/Final Exam Review

December 4-7 Final Exams

December 13 Grades available for review in SOAR.