

COURSE CONTENT

Course Code / Title : HS2026 Deviance and Society

Pre-requisites : HS1001 Person and Society

No. of AUs. : 3

Contact Hours : 39

Course Aims

By the end of this course, you should be able to be conversant in the major theories of deviance. The module will train you to grasp the nature and dynamics of power in carving moral definitions of the social so as to analyse the ways that social structure generates, organizes and transforms social deviance. Undergraduates who have taken core entry level sociology modules will be able to recognise the significance of constructions of race, social class and gender as they relate to deviance. You will learn to be more cognizant as to how historical factors have shaped our understandings of social change and how we value current explanations of the causes and retorts to deviance.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Apply key concepts and theories of deviance to address lived experiences, the trends and policies of social control in different countries.
2. Analyse power relationships and social governance to evaluate social statuses such as ethnicity, gender and social class.
3. Evaluate the merits and demerits of reforms in formal and informal social control to improve how society is organized from public institutions like prisons and schools to private ones such as families and friendship groups.
4. Compare policy responses and social norms of different countries across space and time with regards to evolving understandings of deviance.

Course Content

Key Topics:

Social Construction of Deviance
Deviance and Inequality
Autobiographies of Deviance
The Function of Total Institutions
Gang Formation and Identities
Law and the Criminal Justice System
Deviance and Social Networks
Deviance and Gender
Deviant Subcultures
Deviance and Music
Workplace Deviance

Course Assessment

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| CA1 | Class Participation | : 10% |
| CA2 | Presentation | : 10% |
| CA3 | Long Essay | : 20% |
| CA4 | Short Essay Autobiography | : 10% |
| Final Examination | | : 50% |
| Total | | ----- |
| | | 100% |