**SOC 4320**

This course examines the study of deviance and issues of social control, focusing on theory and contemporary research in the field. Together we will examine the intersection of deviance with race, sexuality, and gender. Consideration will also be given to how society frames and reacts to deviance in regard to youth, health, substance use, crime, homelessness, mental illness, sexual desire, technology, and more. Throughout the class, we will examine the everyday lived realities of those who are defined as deviant, with particular attention to the social, institutional, and criminological implications of deviant identities.

This fourth-year course will be a reading-intensive, discussion-based course. Class time will employ a seminar-style approach and will be centered around peer-led in-depth discussion of the readings. Evaluation will include written assignments (an outline, research paper, and reflection), participation (engaging in class discussion, submitting questions on readings), and a presentation (focusing on and applying selected readings).