

SOC 4490 Advanced Theory and Methods in Criminology, Fall 2022

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Outline

This senior undergraduate course is designed to teach students how to test criminological theory with survey data. The course will build on the skills students have acquired in the first 3 years of the CJPP program. Each student in the course will design, administer, code and analyze primary survey data (elementary multi-variate analysis) with the SPSS statistical software package. Surveys will be administered to fellow classmates. Towards the end of the course students will present the findings of their survey to the class. The range of theories to be tested in the course will include (but not limited to): Strain (Merton and Agnew), Social Bonding, The General Theory of Crime, Routine Activities Theory, Power-Control Theory, Labelling Theory, Social Learning and Differential Association.

Evaluation

Research Proposal (including full first draft of survey).....	20%
SPSS assignment.....	20%
Seminar Presentation.....	20%
Final Paper	40%

Readings: TBA