

**Deviance**  
**SOC 288 - 3 Credit Hours**  
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**Location and Times:**

Doane University –Lincoln Campus

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Course Description**

Inquiry leading to knowledge of social disorganization, criminal behavior, delinquency, and power relationships in social control.

**Textbook**

*Thio, Alex. (2013). Deviant Behavior (11<sup>th</sup> Ed.)* Pearson Publications. ISBN: 020520516X.

**Course Objectives**

This class focuses on a sociological understanding of deviance. We will explore how both culture and structure may shape the prevalence, definition, and reaction to deviance. Various theoretical perspectives will be examined and discussed to see how deviance may be both understood and even perhaps, predicted. Finally, a number of more “concrete” areas will be examined, to both see how the theory holds up in real life, and to deepen the understanding of deviance and attempts at social control of deviance. After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Identify the major theoretical perspectives related to the study of deviance.
- Define the cause and effect of interpersonal violence and self-destructive deviance.
- Describe how diverse lifestyles, substance use and abuse are related to the study of deviance.
- Identify the major issues related to inequality in deviance, e.g. privileged and underprivileged deviance.

## **Attendance**

This class is experiential, participative, and collaborative. We are in this together. The absence of any one person will be felt by all so attendance at all class sessions is expected. If you need to miss a class, contact me prior to the class.

## **Assignments and Grading**

A list of all assignments and grading information will be provided during the first class session.

Class 1 Assignment:

**Prior to the first class please read and be prepared to discuss Chapter 1, 2 and 3 in the required text book.**

## **Academic Integrity**

The Doane University Academic integrity policy will be adhered to in this class. All projects and tests will represent your own work. Any use of others' ideas and words without proper citation of sources is plagiarism and will result in penalties to be determined by the instructor and/or the dean of the undergraduate studies.

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