



**Course** CRCJ/WOMS 3385.001 – Women and Crime  
**Professor** Dr. Sarah El Sayed  
**Term** Fall 2016  
**Meetings** Tuesday & Thursday 11 am – 12:20 pm, PKH 111

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### Course Description

This course examines criminology and criminal justice issues as they relate specifically to women. The major areas of coverage include (1) women and girls as victims of crime, and (2) women and girls as criminal offenders.

### Required Textbooks and Materials

- Belknap, Joanne (2014). *The Invisible Woman: Gender, Crime, and Justice*. Fourth Edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing Company. ISBN: 978-0495809135
- Walsh, Anthony and Jamie C. Vaske (2015). *Feminist Criminology through a Biosocial Lens*. Second Edition. Carolina Academic Press. ISBN: 978-1611637533
- Lamb, Wally. *Couldn't keep it to myself*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers Inc. ISBN: 9780060534295

**Note:** In addition to the required textbooks, handouts, journal articles, video documentaries, movies, and other sources of reference **may** be used to further enhance student's learning.

### Course Requirements

**Exams.** There will be two online exams this semester. Each exam will be worth 100 points. The exams will be comprised of 50 multiple choice and true/false questions based on class lecture, assigned readings, documentaries and guest speaker presentations.

#### Makeup Exam Policy

Makeup exams will be provided for students who have a university recognized excused absence. Excused absences include (but are not limited to): illnesses with a doctor's note, serious family emergency, special curricular requirements (e.g., field trips, conferences), participation in official university activities. Final decision of excused absences is left to the discretion of the instructor. In

most instances, students will be required to provide written documentation for your absence. In addition, you **MUST** talk with me prior to the date of the exam in order to schedule a makeup. All makeup exams **MUST** be scheduled within one week of the original exam.

Group Project. Students will be required to participate in a group project. Groups will consist of 4-6 students who will work together to create a 20-minute presentation to the class. Further details will be discussed in class.

Participation. Although students are not required to attend class, it is strongly recommended that students do so to receive a high grade in this course. Participation is determined by being present in class (i.e., no cell phone use, side conversations with classmates, and excessive online use), contributing to class discussion, and having an *active* role in the required group project.

### **Grading Policy**

Exams (100 Points each)  
Group Project (70 Points)  
Participation (30 Points)

### **Grading Scale**

There are a total of 300 points, which may be earned throughout the course. Students are encouraged to maintain a record of their grades.

**Note:** I will NOT curve nor barter your grade at the end of the semester.

Final Grades Your earned points will be converted to a letter grade as listed below:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Point Range</u>
A	90% and above	270 - 300
B	80% - 89%	240 - 269
C+	70% - 79%	210 - 239
D+	60% - 69%	180 - 209
F	59% and below	179 or less

## Course Schedule and Assigned Readings

<u>Week 1</u> 8/25	Introduction – Course requirements and syllabus	
<u>Week 2</u> 8/30 & 9/1	Concept of Gender	Chapter 1 (Belknap p. 1-9) Chapter 7 (Walsh & Vaske)
<u>Week 3</u> 9/6 & 9/8	Biological Differences by Sex/Gender	Chapter 10 & 11 (W&V)
<u>Week 4</u> 9/13 & 9/15	Feminism and Criminology	Chapter 1 (Belknap p. 9-24) Chapter 1 (W&V)
<u>Week 4</u> 9/20 & 9/22	Gender in Criminological Theories	Chapter 2 (Belknap) Chapter 2 & 3 (W&V)
<u>Week 5</u> 9/27 & 9/29	Feminist and Pro-Feminist Criminological Theories	Chapter 3 (Belknap) Chapter 4 (W&V)
<u>Week 6</u> 10/4 10/6	<b>Exam #1</b> Nature of Female Offending	Chapter 4 (Belknap)
<u>Week 7</u> 10/11 10/13	Nature of Female Offending Processing of Women and Girls	Chapter 8 (W&V) Chapter 5 (Belknap)
<u>Week 8</u> 10/18 10/20	Gender Differences for Criminality Incarcerating and Punishing	Chapter 13 (W&V) Chapter 6 (Belknap)
<u>Week 9</u> 10/25 10/27	Female Victimization Sexual Victimization	Chapter 7 (Belknap) Chapter 8 (Belknap)/ Chapter 9 (W&V)
<u>Week 10</u> 11/1 11/3	Intimate Partner Violence TBA	Chapter 9 (Belknap)
<u>Week 11</u> 11/8 11/10	<b>Exam #2</b> Group Presentations	

Week 12

11/15

Group Presentations

11/17

**THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY CONFERENCE– NO CLASS**

Week 13

11/22 & 11/24

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS**

Week 13

11/29 & 12/1

Group Presentations

Week 14

12/6

Group Presentations

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**Note:** *Course schedule and descriptions are subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.*

## Course Policies

**Attendance** - At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. As the instructor of this section, attendance is required if you wish to receive a passing grade. If you miss a class it is strongly encouraged that you borrow one of your classmate's notes and then talk with me if you need additional clarification. **I do not provide students with my notes nor will I post notes/slides to the internet.** If you miss an exam or an assignment you must: (1) notify me within 24 hours AND (2) provide me with an acceptable excuse. Note that I may request written documentation. If you do not follow this procedure you will receive a zero on any assignment/examination you may miss due to absence. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients "begin attendance in a course." UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or an engagement online via Blackboard. This date is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

**Late Policy** – Students are expected to complete all graded elements by the deadlines provided. Those deadlines will be enforced. Students may **NOT** submit a late exam, quiz, or assignment unless they contact me with proper documentation prior to the deadline, or within 24 hours in the event of a serious emergency. Examples include documented personal or immediate-family emergencies in regards to health and well-being, documented military deployment, documented emergency services work, and documented university activities. Keep in mind that simply missing class, emails, or BlackBoard announcements does not delay deadlines.

**Drop Policy:** Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (<http://www.uta.edu/aao/fao/>).

**Disability Accommodations:** UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*, *The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA)*, and *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a **letter certified** by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability).

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS)** [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

**Non-Discrimination Policy:** *The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit [uta.edu/eos](http://uta.edu/eos).*

**Title IX Policy:** The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. *For information regarding Title IX, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Jean Hood, Vice President and Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-7091 or [jmhood@uta.edu](mailto:jmhood@uta.edu).*

**Academic Integrity:** Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

*I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence.*

*I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code.*

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System *Regents’ Rule* 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university’s standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at <https://www.uta.edu/conduct/>.

**Electronic Communication:** UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php>.

**Campus Carry:** Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college

campuses. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/>

**Student Feedback Survey:** At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/sfs>.

**Final Review Week:** for semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week *unless specified in the class syllabus*. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.

**Emergency Exit Procedures:** Should we experience an emergency event that requires us to vacate the building, students should exit the room and move toward the nearest exit to your assigned classroom. When exiting the building during an emergency, one should never take an elevator but should use the stairwells. Faculty members and instructional staff will assist students in selecting the safest route for evacuation and will make arrangements to assist individuals with disabilities.

**Student Support Services:** UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include [tutoring](#), [major-based learning centers](#), developmental education, [advising and mentoring](#), personal counseling, and [federally funded programs](#). For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to [resources@uta.edu](mailto:resources@uta.edu), or view the information at <http://www.uta.edu/universitycollege/resources/index.php>.

**The IDEAS Center:** Located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Central Library, the IDEAS Center offers **free** tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email [IDEAS@uta.edu](mailto:IDEAS@uta.edu) or call (817) 272-6593.

**Librarian to Contact:** John Dilliard is the Criminology and Criminal Justice Librarian. He can be reached at (817)272-7517 or [dilliard@uta.edu](mailto:dilliard@uta.edu).