

# WOMEN IN CRIME

**Course number:** Administration of Justice 51

**Class schedule:** Asynchronous Learning on Canvas

The course begins on February 20, 2023 and ends March 31, 2023

**Instructor:** Professor Ramona L. Gabriel

**OFFICE HOURS:** All office hours are by appointment only and will be conducted via Zoom, unless otherwise specified. Please note, all appointments will be face-to-face...no blackout screens. When requesting an appointment, please send an email with your desired date and time within the recommended window:

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Email address:** [Gabrielmona@fhda.edu](mailto:Gabrielmona@fhda.edu)

**REQUIRED TEXT:** Women and Crime; Warner, Judith A.; 2012. The book can be purchased at the bookstore, or you might be able to find less expensive copies at Pearson or Amazon

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An examination of the changing role of women in crime with emphasis on gender and cultural based differences related to victims, offenders and criminal justice professionals.

**SUPPORT:** It can be frustrating when you need help, so please know that I am here to help you navigate through any challenges and any frustration you may experience with the course. Please maintain close contact with me and I will do my best to support you.

**BEST WAY TO REACH ME:** The quickest and easiest way to contact me is via the Canvas inbox or email me [gabrielmona@fhda.edu](mailto:gabrielmona@fhda.edu). If you email me during my online office hours, I will try to respond immediately. If you email me outside of my office hours, please note there might be a delay in my response time. Here is how to locate the Canvas inbox: **From our course, click on "Inbox" in the left grey shaded, global navigation menu.**

**ONLINE LECTURES/CANVAS:** You will be learning online or asynchronously, meaning that you will study at your own pace. Because of the nature of this course, I will post either lecture videos or written lectures. You will have required assignments where you will watch lecture videos, write an essay, and complete a discussion questions every week, with due dates for all of the assignments. Although you will be able to watch the videos at your own time and pace, you

are expected to complete all assignments in a timely manner. You can find the due dates within the assignment section.

If you know that you are going to turn an assignment in late, please notify me "prior" to the due date. I will not accept any late assignments. Please keep in mind, that it is very easy to fall behind in an online class, so you are encouraged to set aside at least 1 to 2 hours each day to dedicate to this class as opposed to doing all of the work in one day. It is strongly recommended that you download the Canvas app if you have a smart phone.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES:**

- Identify and evaluate policies, case law, and legislation that impact women as victims, offenders, and criminal justice professionals.
- Analyze and interpret the history of women as victims and survivors of crime.
- Examine and evaluate the causation and characteristics of female offenders
- Describe and assess the historical impact of women in justice related professions.
- Explore and propose solutions to contemporary issues in the criminal justice system.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** I have posted discussion questions, which will primarily come from your reading, lecture notes, and videos. Discussion questions are essential to your learning, and it is important to add your perspective to the class discussion. The ability to contribute thoughtful ideas and questions to a discussion, in a way that is respectful to yourself and the views of others, is a skill that you will be developing throughout your academic career. We will begin developing that ability in this course, and throughout the quarter.

Sometimes the tone and tenor of an answer can be taken out of context and misunderstood. Please be cognizant in how you respond to your peers. We always want to be respectful and mindful that our words are not deemed inappropriate or offensive.

**ESSAY:** As part of your assignment, you will be required to write one essay during this course. The essay will be no less than three pages, double-spaced, and will be worth twenty (20) points. Please keep in mind, that when writing your essay, you should ensure that the writing is understood, thoughtful, insightful, well-written, and proofread. They will be graded with those writing skills in mind.

**ATTENDANCE:** Because this is an online course, there will not be any attendance taken. Your attendance will be noted when you initially sign on to the course. Unless I am notified, if you fail to submit two (2) consecutive assignments, and there is no participation, you will be dropped from the course.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

#### **ASSIGNED BOOK READINGS: Women in Crime**

Week #1: Chapter 1

Week #2: Chapter 2

Week #3: Chapter 3

### **ASSIGNED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

#### **WEEK #1: February 20 - February 26**

Answer Discussion question #1: The book discussed some historical perspective about women and their affiliation with committing crimes. In your own words, please explain why "you" believe women commit crimes.

Due date: February 26th

#### **WEEK #2: February 27 - March 5**

Answer Discussion Question #2: Please explain why women are more likely to follow certain social constructs than their male counterparts?

Due date: March 5th

#### **WEEK #4: March 13 - March 19**

Since the mid-1980s, the debate about how to address prostitution legally has become a subject of legislative action. Some countries in Europe, most notably the Netherlands and Germany among others, have legalized and/or decriminalized systems of prostitution, which includes decriminalizing pimps, brothels and buyers, also known as "customers or johns." Other governments, such as Thailand, legally prohibit prostitution activities and enterprises but in reality tolerate brothels and the buying of women for commercial sexual exploitation, especially in its sex tourism industry. Sweden, has taken a different legal approach-penalizing the buyers while at the same time decriminalizing the women in prostitution. However, in California, prostitution is considered illegal, and if someone is arrested, it falls as misdemeanor 647(b) PC.

Based on your reading and understanding of women and prostitution, are you pro or con for legalizing prostitution. Why or why not?

**Disclaimer: This is based on your own opinion, so no one will be demonized for their opinion. There are no right or wrong answers. Please be respectful when responding to your peer.**

### **ASSIGNED ESSAY**

#### **WEEK #3: March 6 - March 12**

Please read the lecture notes

Please review the link regarding "Susan Smith."

You will write a, no less than three-page essay on the following topic: You will write about the ramifications of women committing more murders in recent years. More and more women seem to be killing their children. When these types of heinous murders are committed by women, why do you believe these numbers have increased?

Please be sure to cite all of your work

Due date: March 12th

### **Week #5: FINAL EXAM: Preparing for final exam: March 20 - March 29**

The final exam is going to be given on Wednesday, March 29th. It will open in Canvas on March 29th at 12:00 midnight and will close on March 29th at 9:00 pm. The exam will be worth fifty (50) points, and it will consist of twenty-five (25) true/false questions and twenty-five (25) multiple choice questions. Each question is worth one (1) point. All of the questions have been taken from the reading, lectures, and videos. So, it is incumbent upon you to read the required readings, watch all of the videos and lectures, and take copious notes. This exam is open book and open notes; however, you do not want to rely on trying to find the answers, because it may take you longer to look up certain questions. It is strongly encouraged that you not wait until it is close to the exam time expiring. If you are able, take the exam sooner rather than later.

As you can see, there are no assignments for week five. This is to give you an opportunity to study for your final exam.

Due: March on 29th by 9:00 pm

### **GRADING SCALE:**

100 - 90 = A

89 - 80 = B

79 - 70 = C

69 - 60 = D

60 - Below = F

