



Crime & Place | CRIM 320 – 001

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Course Details

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Course Overview

This course focuses on the analysis of locations that attract and repel crime, displacement of crime, and the identification and measurement of crime concentrations. During the course, we will explore place-based crime theories that will help us understand why crime concentrates in particular areas. We will also study modern approaches to crime suppression including predictive policing and intelligence-led policing. Students will learn to identify hot spots, study journey to crime, crime mapping, and crime analysis methods including time series analysis, linking crimes, behavioral geography, forecasting and prediction.

Required Text

Space, Time, and Crime, Fourth Edition, Timothy C. Hart & Kim M. Lersch. ISBN 978-1-61163-661-1.

Course Format/Communications

Class will mainly be presented in **lecture format**. There will be class participation exercises and class discussions. Materials will be posted on Blackboard throughout the course. Students must have access to Blackboard for course materials, announcements, discussion forums, exams and to view course grades.

Course Policies

Videotaping and audio recording in any form are not permitted unless prior approval has been given.

Attendance/Class Participation

Students are responsible to attend class. Attendance will be taken in class using Qwickly Attendance on BlackBoard. Attendance logging will only be open during class time through the use of a pin code only provided in class. Attendance/class participation will count towards your final grade. **A student will be penalized 1 grade point for each absence.** Reading assignments must be done prior to the start of class. Please come to class prepared to discuss the readings and participate in exercises/discussions.

Honor Code & Academic Integrity

Academic Integrity: *It is expected that students adhere to the George Mason University Honor Code as it relates to integrity regarding coursework and grades. The Honor Code reads as follows: "To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the University Community have set forth this: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal and/or lie in matters related to academic work." More information about the Honor Code, including definitions of cheating, lying, and plagiarism, can be found at the Office of Academic Integrity website at <https://oai.gmu.edu>. **All students are expected to be familiar with this Honor Code. Cheating, plagiarism, lying, and stealing are prohibited. All violations of the Honor Code will be reported to the Honor Committee.***

The instructor reserves the right to use manual and/or automated means including SafeAssign to detect plagiarism in any work submitted by students for this course. Any use of the words or ideas of another person(s), without explicit attribution that clearly identifies the material used and its source in an appropriate manner, is **plagiarism** and will not be tolerated.

The following are requirements for this course:

- All work is to be prepared by the individual student, unless the Professor explicitly directs otherwise.
- All work must be newly created by the individual student for this course for this semester. Any usage of work developed for another course, or for this course in a prior semester, is strictly prohibited.
- Any work to be submitted is prepared entirely and exclusively by the student submitting it. Students are expressly prohibited from sharing any quantifiable work for this course in any manner with other students, unless all students involved have had their work graded and returned and the Professor has explicitly approved such sharing.

Students with Disabilities

If you are a student with a disability and you need academic accommodations, please let me know. If you need accommodations, please see the Office of Disability Resources at 703-993-2474. All academic accommodations must be arranged through that office.

Important Dates:

Last day to add classes	Sept. 3
Last day to drop	Sept. 9
No class	Sept. 2 (Labor Day) & October 14 (Columbus Day)
Last day of classes	Dec. 7
Exam Period	Dec. 11 – Dec. 18

Grading: Your final grade will be calculated as follows (total 100 points):

Attendance/Participation: 10 points

Mid-Term Exam: 20 points

Final Exam: 20 points

Project Paper: 20 points

Assignments: 30 points (total of 3@10)

Grading Scale:

Letter Grade	Total Points	Letter Grade	Total Points
A+	97 – 100	C+	76 - 79
A	93 – 96	C	72 - 75
A -	90 – 92	C-	70 - 71
B+	86 – 89	D	65 - 69
B	82 – 85	F	64 & below
B-	80 – 81		

Exams/Assignments:

The midterm and final exams will be a combination of short answer, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blanks and essay. Make-up exams will only be given under exceptional, unavoidable circumstances with proper documentation.

Assignments/papers must be turned in on time to receive full credit. In the event a situation arises affecting your ability to complete an assignment on time, contact me in advance to discuss an extension. **Please be honest about your situation** and I will work with you to find a solution.

Project Paper:

Students will select a building/facility/residence/dormitory and perform a survey based upon the principles of CPTED and situational crime prevention techniques. Students will write a paper detailing the results and make recommendations. Further details will be provided in class regarding the requirements for this paper.

Bad Weather and Other Emergencies:

Check Mason's homepage at www.gmu.edu to see if classes are cancelled for inclement weather or other emergency circumstances. You can also register for Mason's emergency alert system at <https://ready.gmu.edu/masonalert/>. If I have to cancel class, I will email you ASAP at your GMU email address. It is recommended you check your email prior to departing for class.

Exam Schedule

Exam	Week	
Exam #1	Week 8 – October 14, 2019	Mid-Term Online
Exam #2	Week 16 – December 16, 2019	Final Exam Online

Assignment Schedule

Assignment	Open	Due
Assignment #1	Week 4 – September 16, 2019	September 30, 2019
Assignment #2	Week 7 – October 7, 2019	October 28, 2019
Assignment #3	Week 13 – November 18, 2019	December 2, 2019
Project Paper	Week 6 – September 20, 2019	November 18, 2019

Course Outline – Tentative & Subject to change.

Week	Date	Topic	Required Reading/Assignment
1	8/26/19	Introduction	
2	9/2/19	University Closed- Labor Day	No Classes Held
3	9/9/19	Space, Time, & Crime	Chapter 1
4	9/16/19	Theories of Crime Part I	Chapter 2 Assignment #1 OPEN DUE: 9/30/19
5	9/23/19	Theories of Crime Part II/Repeat Victimology	Chapter 3
6	9/30/19	Situational Crime Prevention/ Environmental Crim Project Paper Review	Assignment #1 Due Chapter 4 & 5 Clarke & Eck Steps 4-14; 34, 38-45
7	10/7/19	Crime Analysis Data/Process Crime Analysis Methods	Chapter 6 Assignment #2 OPEN DUE: 10/28/19
8	10/14/19→	MID-TERM EXAM – Online via BlackBoard	No campus lecture – Take Exam online

9	10/21/19	Crime Analysis Data/Process Crime Analysis Methods Continued	Chapter 6 continued
10	10/28/19	Crime Mapping & Journey to Crime	Assignment #2 DUE Chapter 7 Clarke & Eck Step 16
11	11/4/19	Policing Models/Case Studies	
12	11/11/19	Veteran's Day – Online Discussion Post Only – No lecture	No Class Held – Work on Project Paper that is due 11/18/19
13	11/18/19	Problem Analysis & Dealing with Problem Places/Identifying Investigative Analysis Leads	Chapter 8 Supplemental reading/Clarke & Eck Steps 7-8; 19-22 Assignment #3 OPEN DUE: 12/2/19 PROJECT PAPER DUE turn in via BlackBoard
14	11/25/19	Identifying Meaningful Patterns	Supplemental reading/Clarke & Eck Steps 29-31; 54-60 15-18; 23
15	12/2/19 (last lecture)	Hot Spots & Predicative Policing	Supplemental reading/Clarke & Eck Steps Assignment #3 DUE
16	12/16/19	Final Exam Open	Online via BlackBoard – No lecture