

Kansas State University * Socio500

SUMMER 2021

Sex Crimes & Society

WHY THIS COURSE?

Sex crimes and society's response to them is the most misunderstood issue in the criminal justice system.

WHY NOW?

This new course fulfills requirements in the criminology major and gen-ed elements; it is offered by a full professor and veteran criminologist

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

3 credit hours
6 weeks, online
asynchronous

Register now!

Enrollment limited
May 24 thru July 2

THE LAWS THE MYTHS THE HARD TRUTHS

"Kids are watching pornography: Here's how to think about it." We examine some of these contemporary headlines and what the research can and cannot tell us.

➤ **We apply a spotlight to the circumstances, laws, and layers of sex crimes and society's response to them**

A long history of what gets defined and prosecuted as "sex crimes" reveals a myriad of offenses with inconsistent underpinnings. Similarly, social reaction to sexual offenders demonstrate a history of harshness exemplified by sexual psychopath laws of the 1930s, while ignoring other harmful acts often overlooked or brushed under the rug. Finally, contemporary practices such as "up-skirting" and "revenge porn" are often not considered harmful to victims. This class takes a critical, thoughtful, and fully sociological look.

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