#### **CHAPTER ONE**

### **CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY**

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• Public University		KEY FACTS	
<ul> <li>Established as a research- oriented comprehensive university</li> </ul>			Founded in 1989 • 10,292 Students
	Faculty and Student	2	<ul> <li>Nearly 1,000 Faculty and Staff members</li> <li>99.9% of over 600 faculty receive Ph.D. degrees</li> </ul>

#### Location and Connection



#### By HSR to Taipei : 1.5 hr By HSR to Kaoshiung: /0.5 hr

Southern Alliance University System
 National Chung Hsing University (MCHU)
 National Cheng Kung University (MCKU)
 National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU)
 National Chung Cheng University (CCU)



45 graduate institutes

29 departments

6 English-taught degree programs

### Academic KEY FACT

#### Academic Performance

WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 64 SUBject



#### 2020

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THE Young University Rankings #301-350 THE Asia University Rankings #351-400

Emerging Economies UniversityRankings#351-400THE World University Rankings by Subject

- Social Sciences #501-600
- Computer Science #501-600
- Business & Economics #501+
- Engineering & Technology #601-800
- Physical Sciences #801

2021 QS World University Rankings #801-1000
2021 QS Asian University Ranking #161
2020 QS World University Rankings by Subject

- Linguistic #151-200
- Electrical & Electronic #351-400
- Computer Science
  - & Information Systems #451-500
- Mechanical & Manufacturing #451-500
- Economics & Econometric #401-450

#### International Student Distribution



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#### Library

Multifunctional Room (Lecture and discussion and presentation practice)
 Eslite Book Exhibit Area and 24/7 Self-Service Book Return

#### Arts and Multi-Media

Arts Exhibition Area

Multimedia Workroom

#### Accommodation

■ 5 buildings each for Undergraduate and graduate

International and oversea Chinese students is guaranteed

#### **Standard Athletic Facilities**

Sport Hstory Miseum/ Indoor Sports facilities/ Swimming pool

Baseball/ Soccer/ Colf fields

Tennis/ basketball/ volleyball courts









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#### Free for international students



# On campus DORMITORY



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#### Off campus DORMITORY



If the students don't want to live in the dormitory on campus, the Office of International Affairs can help them to find an off-campus room. The walking distance from the off-campus dormitory to CCU's main gate is about 10

#### WHY CCU IS YOUR BEST CHOICE?

AFFORDABLE BUDGET

HIGH-QUALITY Education Comfortabl Education CAMPUS Friendly Service for Students

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# Crime and Criminology

- Crime occurs in all segments of society
- Wide range of offenses committed, not just street crime
- The general public views crime as a major social problem
- Some are fascinated with crime

# What factors do you think contribute to crime?

- Large underclass
- Urban areas in which the poorest and wealthiest live in close proximity
- Racism and discrimination
- Failure of the educational system
- Troubled and weak economic family
- Easy access to handguns

# What factors do you think contribute to crime?

- A culture that defines success in terms of material wealth
- Drug use
- Peer support
- Violence on TV
- Lack of punishment
- These factors are used in development of theory

#### Crime: Crash Course Sociology #20 – YouTube (11:30)

### What is Criminology?

# Criminology is the <u>scientific approach</u> to the study of the <u>nature</u>, <u>extent</u>, <u>cause</u>, and <u>control</u> of criminal behavior

# Most important areas of interest for criminologists?

- The development of criminal law and its use to define crime
- The cause of law violations
- The methods used to control criminal behavior
- The extent of crime

# Criminology

- Criminology uses the scientific method to pose research questions (hypotheses), gather data, create theories, and test their validity.
- Example Hirschi (attachment to delinquent peers and delinquency)

# Criminology integrates knowledge from many fields

Criminal Justice Sociology Psychology Economics Political Science Natural Sciences (ex. Biology)

### Categories of Contemporary Criminological Theories



#### https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tdaqqlFQdTE What is criminology (4:43)

### **Historical Roots of Criminology**

- Utilitarian philosophy of Becarria
- Biological determinism of Lombroso
- Social theory of Durkheim
- Political philosophy of Marx

# Criminology v. Criminal Justice

- Criminology explains etiology, extent, & nature of crime, Criminology is more theoretical in its approach
- "etiology" or origins of crime; precursors to crime, correlates (EX shoplifters...is it self esteem?)
- "extent" how much of it occurs, including the "dark side" of crime that goes unmeasured (1 in 10 shoppers steal?) "nature" how do people steal, what do they do with it?
- Criminal Justice describes, analyzes, & explains behavior & operation of agencies of justice & effective methods of crime control, sentencing, treatment, etc.
- Criminal justice is more applied or practical in its approach
- ex. Police use of force, sentencing decisions, the effectiveness of rehabilitation

#### Have you ever.....

•followed someone & intentionally harassed, annoyed, tormented, or embarrassed them?

•smoked?

•taken something from your roommate, partner, sibling, parent, stranger without consent?

•physically hurt or threatened to hurt someone? Who are criminal offenders? What is criminal? Why are certain behaviors just "bad" and others not?

Lets take a little survey. consider the questions to yourself.

### 2 points are important First.....

- Criminal offenders are not always or very "different" from ourselves
- They include friends, colleagues, neighbors, strangers, & often ourselves
- Society creates an "outsider" view of "criminals"
- But, the lines are hazy & crime is common

### Second .....

- Some behaviors are criminal & obviously "bad"
- other behaviors may be considered "bad" but not criminal
- & still other behaviors are criminal but not necessarily "bad"!

#### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE – YouTube

(3:19)

## **Crime & Deviance**

- Deviance is behavior departing from social norms
- A **Crime** is conduct violating law & subject to punishment
- Not all criminal acts are deviant (ex. Prohibition)
- Not all deviant acts are criminal
- Each changes over time & place

### Crime & Deviance -Sociology of Law

- Criminologists are concerned with how deviant acts become crimes and vice versa
- When should crimes be decriminalized?
  - Marijuana, gambling, sodomy
- When should deviant behavior become outlawed?
  - Smoking, marijuana, curfew

### Crime & Deviance -Sociology of Law

- Criminologists also concerned with the impact of the law on human behavior
- Example strict DWI laws
  - Reducing BAC level to .015

### OK, back to the survey...

harassed someone
smoked pot
pierced body
taken something
strip club; porn
hurt someone

- Deviance Crime



**Consensus View - Most Popular** 

- Crime reflects the values, beliefs, and opinions of society
- Law defines crime
- Agreement exists on outlawed behavior
- · Laws apply to all citizens equally

- Criminal law is a social control device
  - Guides people into what are and aren't appropriate behaviors
- If hold consensus view of crime then what causes it?
  - Two major lines of thought
  - Free Will
  - Biological, psychological, and sociological causes

**Conflict view** 

- Society is a collection of diverse groups in constant conflict
- Law is a tool of the ruling class Designed to protect the affluent
- Crime is a politically defined concept
- "Real crimes" are not outlawed or not punished

- $\boldsymbol{\cdot}$  Law is used to control the underclass
- If hold a conflict view then what causes crime?
   Unequal distribution of power

Interactionist view

- Crimes are not inherently evil or immoral acts, but defined that way Has no meaning unless people react to it
- Moral entrepreneurs define crime

- Crimes are illegal because society defines them that way
- Criminal labels are life-transforming events
- If interactionist view of crime then what causes crime? Contact and exposure to criminal justice system

 Way criminologists defining crime dominates their thinking and research





#### Thank for your time and patience