**Criminological Theory**

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**Brief course description**

The course aims to cover the most relevant theories of criminology

starting with the classical theory of Cesare Beccaria and finishing with the

theories defining the postmodern era. Students who successfully complete

the course will be able to understand the main paradigms of criminology

and identify their most important characteristics, aims and core thought

patterns. On this course we will also look at the most important studies

and empirical research-based results of each topic.

**Schedule**

Week 1 (23 February). *Introduction, course requirements, assignments*

Week 2 (2 March). *The main paradigms of criminology, what is criminology,*

*historical perspectives, classical school*

Week 3 (9 March). *Biological positivism (Italian school, family tree research,*

*Gluecks, modern theories: genetics, aggression, stress, hormones, etc.)*

Week 4 (16 March). *Bank holiday (no lecture that week)*

Week 5 (23 March). *Sociological positivism 1.*

Week 6 (30 March). *Spring break (no lecture that week)*

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Week 7 (6 April). *Sociological positivism 2.*

Week 8 (13 April). *Sociological positivism 3.*

Week 9 (20 April). *Interactionism and labelling theories*

Week 10 (27 April). *Right realism, rational choice, environmental criminology,*

*situational crime prevention*

Week 11 (4 May). *Left realism and critical theories (marxist, feminist, green, cultural*

*criminology)*

Week 12 (11 May). *“Pázmány Day” (no lecture that week)*

Week 13 (18 May). *Essay submission week (deadline: 14 May)*

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**Assessment**

* Each student has to write an essay (min. 3000 words - max. 4000

words) on a previously agreed topic (70%),

Submission deadline for essays: 14 May 2018

* Attendance: students are required to attend at least 80% of the

seminars (30%).