

**CJ 7350F – 251**  
**Environmental Criminology Syllabus**

*Course code 38922*  
Professor Marcus Felson

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Meeting Time: 6:30 pm - 9:20 pm Wednesday

Location: Hines 207 –  
*We may change to a smaller room*

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Appointments easy to get an appointment – email me any weekday morning and I will meet you at the office, or see me after class any Wednesday. But remind me by email.

**THIS COURSE**

The field of criminal justice can be divided into roughly three parts.

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1. What happens long before the crime (criminality, social structural);
2. What happens near the time of the crime; and
3. What continues to happen afterwards – police actions and the justice system.

Much of the curriculum emphasizes the first and last of these three. The current course focuses on the middle part – the crime event and the period *just* before or *very soon* after that event. However, many features of life long before the crime event influence the everyday circumstances from which crime may occur.

Environmental criminology has two parts, one of which is emphasized here. We look mainly at how crime feeds off the larger environment. The second part of environmental criminology is recently emerging in the research literature – crimes *against* the environment. That topic deserves its own course, which perhaps should be titled *Conservation Criminology*.

**ASSIGNMENT FOR TERM PAPER**

As you go along in this course, produce a ***potential research diary*** for yourself and your future students. That diary should elucidate what needs to be known on these

topics, potential research to find it out, and potential sources of data. The research diaries should be updated as you proceed and discussed in class.

**REQUIRED READINGS**

Andresen, M. A., Brantingham, P. J., & Kinney, J. B. (Eds.). (2010). *Classics in environmental criminology*. CRC Press. (Abbreviation, **ABK**)

Approximately 60 additional readings (mostly articles) provided to you in pdf files. **F**

THURSDAY NIGHT LECTURES		
1	January 21	ABK 1
2	January 28	<p>A-Earliest work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quetelet, ABK 2</li> <li>• Burgess, ABK 4</li> <li>• Burgess – Growth of the city F</li> <li>• Shaw &amp; McKay, ABK 5</li> </ul> <p>B-Post-1970</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeffery ABK 18 and ABK 19</li> <li>• Newman - Defensible space F</li> <li>• Pyle et al, ABK 6</li> <li>• Harries ABK 7</li> <li>• Cohen &amp; Felson ABK 8</li> <li>• Rengert ABK 11</li> </ul>
3	February 4	<p>C-Routine activity approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABK 14</li> <li>• ABK 21</li> <li>• Felson Clarke – opportunity makes the thief F</li> <li>• Felson – those who discourage crime F</li> <li>• Felson – developing metropolis F</li> <li>• Hollis Reynald F</li> <li>• Felson Process of co-offending F</li> </ul>
4	February 11	<p>D-Crime pattern analysis &amp; environmental criminology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABK 10</li> <li>• ABK 12</li> <li>• ABK 16</li> <li>• ABK 17</li> <li>• Brantingham &amp; Beavon - street patterns F</li> <li>• Brantingham – location and land use F</li> <li>• Brantingham – crime prevention F</li> </ul>

5	February 18	<p>E-Situational approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABK 13</li> <li>• ABK 15</li> <li>• ABK 20</li> <li>• Clarke-Cornish – Decisions F</li> <li>• Clarke SCP theory &amp; practice F</li> <li>• Smith – civil remedies</li> </ul>
6	February 25	<p>F-Displacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hesseling F</li> <li>• Guerette – F</li> <li>• Clarke Weisburd F</li> <li>• Cornish Clarke F</li> <li>• Walsh F</li> <li>• Langworthy – stings F</li> <li>• Langworthy &amp; Lebeau – stings F</li> </ul>
7	March 3	<p>G-Place managers &amp; drug markets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eck – drug market F</li> <li>• Eck – illicit drug markets F</li> <li>• Knutsson drug market policy F</li> <li>• Parker F</li> </ul> <p>H-Environmental design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nasar Fisher F</li> <li>• Pease Lighting F</li> <li>• Poyner demolition F</li> <li>• Any work by Diane Zahm at <a href="http://www-popcenter.org">www-popcenter.org</a></li> </ul>
8	March 10	<p>I-Transit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Block – Rapid transit F</li> <li>• Webb – auto theft F</li> <li>• LaVigne – driveoffs F</li> <li>• LaVigne – Washington metro</li> <li>• Clarke Mayhew – parking F</li> <li>• Clarke Goldstein – theft from cars F</li> <li>• Brantingham – auto theft F</li> </ul> <p>J-Barrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homel 1 F</li> <li>• Homel 2 F</li> <li>• Homel 3 F</li> <li>• Stockwell F</li> </ul>

SPRING BREAK		
9	March 24	K-Work domain YOUR ASSIGNMENT TO FILL IN READINGS
10	March 31	L-Other domains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarke Goldstein – construction sites F</li> <li>• Clarke Newman - products F</li> <li>• Clarke Bichler – payphone fraud F</li> <li>• Felson – redesigning Hell F</li> <li>• Knutsson – parks F</li> <li>• Hilborn – parks - <a href="http://www.popcenter.org/">www.popcenter.org/</a></li> <li>• LaVigne metro F</li> <li>• Madensen – crowd violence F</li> <li>• Spelman – careers public places F</li> </ul>
11	April 7	M-Repeats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farrell F</li> <li>• Farrell &amp; Pease F</li> <li>• Townsley F</li> </ul> N-Offender foraging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rossmo hunting F</li> <li>• Felson Boivin F</li> <li>• Shane Johnson F</li> <li>• Felson response to Shane Johnson F</li> </ul>
12	April 14	O- Mapping- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eck,</li> <li>• Rengert</li> <li>• Harries</li> <li>• Kennedy-Braga</li> <li>• Ratcliffe</li> </ul>
13	April 21	CUSHION
14	April 28 – LAST DAY	CUSHION