

CRIMINOLOGY AREA EXAMINATION

GENERAL READING LIST

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The reading list below represents what the criminology faculty consider to be core knowledge in sociological criminology. We also assume each student has mastered classical (Durkheim, Weber, and Marx) and contemporary theories (Foucault, Habermas, Giddens) that form the core of the discipline of sociology. In preparing for the examination, students should develop a capacity to think in terms of the central theoretical perspectives, methodological approaches, and key empirical tests represented by this general reading list. We expect students to gain an adequate understanding of the empirical adequacy of theories on the list, the methods used to test the theories, the methodological issues involved in such tests (e.g., weaknesses, strengths, innovations), and the contributions of those tests to theoretical development. To accomplish this, students should identify research articles that represent key tests and/or advances of the theories. Students should develop a list of research articles they have read, and submit it to the Criminology Area Examination Committee prior to the exam. We have provided a list of journals that may contain relevant research articles. In addition, students are responsible for the material covered in the two required core courses, SOC 660 Theoretical Issues in Criminology and SOC 665 Research Issues in Criminology.

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Journals

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