

Theory Comprehensive Exam  
Spring 2017

Day Two

Instructions: For this section of the exam answer any two (2) of the following four questions. If more than two answers are submitted the committee will read only the first two and the third will not be counted in any way. All responses are to be turned in no later than 12:45.

Once a student takes possession of the examination, this will be regarded as an attempt to take the exam regardless of whether the student completes the exam, hands in any answers or remains for the full exam period.

1. Discuss the historical evolution of social control from the perspective of Emile Durkheim. .
2. There are many potential collateral consequences of incarceration. Describe three such consequences, the theoretical grounds for anticipating or explaining such consequences, and how one might devise a study to test your theoretical arguments.
3. Which theory or integration of theories is most useful for explaining trends in U.S. crime rates? Describe the rationale for your selection, including the relevant empirical evidence.
4. What do you regard as the most significant theoretical contribution of the past two decades? Describe the contribution you identify and defend your choice. In this answer DO NOT USE any theory that you have discussed in response to any other question on Day One or Day Two of this exam.