Study Guide: Exam 1
Criminology

Concepts/terms:

What is criminology?	Be able to state a few problems with UCR
Criminology vs. Criminal Justice	Dark Figure of crime
Criminology and Deviance	What are self-report surveys?
Criminology and Delinquency	Benefits of self-reports
Social Rules/ Laws	Accuracy of self-reports
Systems of Social Control (rules, sanctions, actors)	Victim surveys; know 2-3 problems with victim surveys
Forces Influencing the generation of laws	Know the general difference between occasional and professional thieves
Crime, Criminal, Criminality	Codes of honor and thieves
Unilateral, Bilateral, Trilateral Controllers	How do people generally perceive crime?
Similarities and Differences Between Criminal and Tort Law	
Felonies and Misdemeanors	What groups fear crime the most?
Male in Se/ Mala Prohibitum	Producers, Scroungers. Jonathan Wild
Actus reus: Commission of illegal act Omission to legally act Words	Social Bandits Professional and Unprofessional Fence
Mens rea: General intent, specific intent, transferred intent, constructive intent	Definition: Larceny theft
Strict liability	Professional and non-professional fence
M'Naghten Rule	
Substantial Capacity Test	Shoplifting: How common is this crime? Why is it difficult to control shoplifting?
Irresistible Impulse Test	Definition: Burglary; skilled vs. unskilled burglars Describe the common "burglary event"
Duress, Intoxication, Duress, Necessity, Self-defense, Entrapment	Auto theft: What is it, and how common is this crime?
Aggregate crime statistics	Preferred cars to steal (details unimportant)
Uniform Crime Reports	Definition of white-collar crime, how severe is justice system on white-collar criminals?, How high are the losses from white-collar crime? What are some "Action Steps" to prevent white-collar crime
What are index crimes used for?	Robbery: definition, where most likely to occur? Who is most likely to be a robber?
How are UCR data *collected*?	Rape: definition, laws historically biased to benefit males, where/when rape most likely to occur
How are crime data *presented*?	Date Rape/ Marital Rape Proving Rape, Rape and the Law, Reform of Rape laws
Calculating crime rate Be able to rank index crimes from the least common to the most common	Definition of different types of murder Degrees of Murder , Assault and Battery
	Serial murder. Know a few attributes of the serial murderer profile
	Definitions: Instrumental and expressive homicide (which is more common?)
	Hate crime: definition, who are the targets? Terrorism: definition, purpose, strategies?
	Types of terrorists as categorized by goals of actors.

<u>Short Essay Topics</u>:

1.) Explain "systems of social control," or how rules, sanctions and enforcers both define and control certain behaviors.
2.) What are some of the functions of criminal law?
3.) What is the purpose of the insanity defense, and what controversies does it generate?
4.) Know the various criminal defenses, and be able to describe an appropriate defense for a specific scenario that I will give you.
5.) What are the advantages and disadvantages of the three main quantitative methods of measuring crime (self-reports, official police data, victim surveys) ?
6.) Are different types of crime statistics compatible?
7.) Be able to discuss how people of different social groups perceive crime? Why do many people think crime (at least specific types of crime) is more common than it really is?
8.) Explain the difference between professional and opportunistic thieves.
9.) Do you agree with Michael Moore's perspective of crime in the U.S.?
10.) Explain the strategies used by professional burglars.
11.) What are the types of auto theft? Has auto theft changed over the last 50 years?
12.) Explain some of the factors that influenced the crimes committed in the Enron case.
13.) What are some recent changes in rape laws?
14.) What are some of the general correlates of homicide with respect to offender/victim relationship, gender, guns, and regions?
15.) What is the relationship between homicide and "systems of social control"?
16.) Is there evidence for a "culture of honor" in the U.S. South?
17.) How does hate crime differ from other types of crime?
18.) What is the purpose of terrorism?   Is terrorism designed only to kill people?
19.) What were some important points or interesting facts about American skinheads as shown in the video "Skinheads USA".

<u>Exam format</u>:

The exam will have about 30 multiple-choice questions that will be worth 50% of the total. The other 50% of the exam will be 5 short answer questions that will be similar to the ones listed above. Plan to write about 1 page in a BLUE book for each question (assuming your handwriting is average size).