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## If you only need the buying answer

The cheapest short-term access to **Criminology: A Sociological Understanding** is Pearson+, not the print copy. So if your only goal is lowest immediate cost for one term, digital wins. The reason the current print listing still matters is that it sits below the sampled lifetime digital price and far below the sampled used-print market. For students who want a keepable criminology text rather than temporary access, the current print route still has real value.

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Digital lifetime	Digital market	\$107.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Used print	eCampus market	\$174.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>

This is a split decision rather than a one-size-fits-all recommendation. Digital wins short-term. Print wins if you want a durable copy at a price that still beats the broader ownership market.

## What this book actually teaches

A sociological criminology text matters because it teaches students to see crime as a patterned social phenomenon rather than a pile of isolated offenses. A strong book in this area connects theory, inequality, institutions, social structure, and policy so that crime is understood within larger systems of power and social organization.

That makes the book useful beyond one course, especially for students in criminology, sociology, criminal justice, policy, or social research. A retained print copy can still pay off later because theoretical frameworks and sociological explanations recur across

upper-level work.

## **Who should choose digital and who should buy print**

Choose Pearson+ if you want the lowest short-term cost and only need the text for the term. Buy print if you want a keepable copy and prefer long-term ownership over access. In the current market, digital wins on entry cost and print wins on ownership value.

## **Sources checked**

- [Merybook print listing search](#)
- [Pearson search for ISBN 9780137636181](#)
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