

SOC 232 Criminology**Credit Hours: 3****Scheduled hours per week**

Lecture: 3

Lab: N/A

Other: N/A

Catalog Course Description: This course provides an introduction to the sociological study of crime and criminal behavior, focusing on the various theories of crime causation. Criminological methods of inquiry and societal reactions to crime will also be addressed.

Pre-requisites: N/A**Co-requisites:** N/A**Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. Identify what crime is, the number of criminals in society, the various forms of offenses, and the social characteristics of those who violate the law.
2. Examine the social origins of law.
3. Understand the process whereby one becomes a criminal.
4. Identify the variety of causal and preventative explanations of crime.
5. Explain how criminology has evolved and expanded as society has sought to understand, control, and influence crime in America.

Topics to be studied:

- The process of measuring crime
- The distribution of crime
- Theories of why crime occurs
- Theories of how one becomes a criminal
- Policy responses developed to address crime and criminal behavior

Relationship of Course to Discipline Learning Outcomes	
Define core sociological concepts.	X
Explain how individuals interact and react to the larger society.	X
Describe social interaction between groups in society.	X
Apply the sociological concepts and principles to one's own life.	
Demonstrate familiarity with theoretical perspectives in the discipline.	X
Distinguish various theoretical approaches in the field of sociology.	X
Express and communicate sociological knowledge to others.	
Recognize a wide range of global, social, and cultural viewpoints.	X
Develop critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and application skills.	X

Relationship of Course to General Education Learning Outcomes:	
Composition and Rhetoric Students illustrate a fundamental understanding of the best practices of communicating in English and meet the writing standards of their college or program-based communication requirements.	X
Science & Technology Students successfully apply systematic methods of analysis to the natural and physical world, understand scientific knowledge as empirical, and refer to data as a basis for conclusions.	
Mathematics & Quantitative Skills Students effectively use quantitative techniques and the practical application of numerical, symbolic, or spatial concepts.	
Society, Diversity, & Connections Students demonstrate understanding of and a logical ability to successfully analyze human behavior, societal and political organization, or communication.	X
Human Inquiry & the Past Students interpret historical events or philosophical perspectives by identifying patterns, applying analytical reasoning, employing methods of critical inquiry, or expanding problem-solving skills.	
The Arts & Creativity Students successfully articulate and apply methods and principles of critical and creative inquiry to the production or analysis of works of art.	

Special requirements of the course: N/A

Additional information: N/A

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