

SOC 233 Juvenile Delinquency**Credit Hours: 3****Scheduled hours per week**

Lecture: 3

Lab: N/A

Other: N/A

Catalog Course Description: This course examines the nature, extent, and causes of juvenile delinquency. The course is structured to focus on the juvenile justice system, theoretical explanations of delinquency, and current research in the field of study.

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

1. Recognize that delinquency includes a heterogeneous assortment of behaviors.
2. Identify the number of delinquents in society and the various forms of offenses.
3. Understand the process by which one becomes a juvenile delinquent.
4. Identify the variety of causal and preventive explanations of juvenile delinquency.
5. Explain how the juvenile justice process has evolved and expanded as society has sought to understand, control, and influence change in the delinquent behavior of youth.

Topics to be studied:

- The history, format, and function of the juvenile justice system
- The distribution of juvenile delinquency in society
- Theories of how one becomes a juvenile delinquent
- Policy responses developed to address juvenile delinquency

Relationship of Course to Discipline Learning Outcomes	
Define core sociological concepts.	
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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