



Criminology - Course Syllabus (.5 Credit)

Description:

Why do people commit crimes? In this course, students are introduced to the basic concepts of criminology, which is the study of criminal behavior. Students will learn about the different types of crime and why and who usually commits them. Whether you plan on pursuing a career in law or law enforcement, psychology, crime scene investigation, or just want to understand why some people behave the way they do, this course will provide a fascinating look at this growing field of study.

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Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Define criminology and list the major classifications of criminal offenses.
- Describe how neighborhoods become disorganized and how it affects crime rates.
- Explain how learning theories explain crime.
- List ways in which anomie and strain theories explain crime and its sources.
- Describe control theories and ways in which they differ from strain and learning theories.
- Differentiate between static and dynamic factors and discuss the traits of effective and ineffective rehabilitation programs.

Contents:

Module 1: Criminology Introduction
Module 2: Crime and Societies
Module 3: Crime and the Community
Module 4: Crime and Group Culture
Module 5: Control
Module 6: Labeling
Module 7: Crime Risk Factors
Module 8: Juvenile Crime
Module 9: How Crime Affects Society
Module 10: The Justice System

Grading Scale

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = under 59%

Grade Weighting

Module Quizzes.....	35%
Written Assignments.....	35%
Final Exam.....	30%
	100%