

CJC -112 Criminology

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Corequisites: None

Course description. This course introduces deviant behavior as it relates to criminal activity. Topics include theories of crime causation; statistical analysis of criminal behavior; past, present, and future social control initiatives; and other related topics. Upon completion, students should be able to explain and discuss various theories of crime causation and societal response.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify the three primary frameworks guiding criminological thought (Classical/Neoclassical, Positivist, and Critical Theory).
2. Identify the assumptions, strengths, and limitations of the criminological theory used to explain crime.
3. Apply different theoretical frameworks to explain criminal behaviors.
4. Discuss the historical context associated with the development of criminological theory.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Criminology
 - A. What is Criminology?
 - B. Understanding Crime and Criminals

- II. Crime Causation
 - A. Classical/ Neo-Classical Criminology
 - i. Cesare Beccaria-Deterrence
 - ii. Jeremy Bentham- Pain vs. Pleasure
 - B. Positivist School
 - C. Critical Theories
 - D. Biological Theories
 - E. Physiological Theories

- III. Crime and Deviance
- IV. Social Change and the Emergence of the Law

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The instructor will determine the textbook and other instructional material.