NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 107 - SURVEY OF CRIMINOLOGY (3 CR.)

Course Description
Surveys the volume and scope of crime; considers a variety of theories developed to explain the causation of crime and criminality. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an awareness of the multi-faceted nature of crime in contemporary culture, and to provide insight into how the criminal justice system, with citizen cooperation, is dealing with illegal behavior.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites
None

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- Differentiate between the different types of crime (such as organized crime, white collar crime, juvenile crime and property crime)
- Show the impact of crime on victims, private business, and government institutions
- Describe role of the criminal justice agencies and the citizenry in combating the crime threat

Major Topics to be Included
- Extent of crime problem
- How crime is reported to police
- Theories of criminal causation
- Victims of crime (victimology)
- Crimes of violence
- Drunkenness, drug abuse, prostitution
- Property crime
- Organized crime
- White collar crime
- The professional criminal
- Punishment/rehabilitation of offender
- Juvenile crime
- Crime prevention

Extra Topics (Optional)
Related topics at the discretion of the instructor

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