Course Description

Introduces student to the constructs of criminal psychology. Introduces the student to the exploration of criminal investigative analysis, VI-CAP, mental disorders and the etiology of certain criminal behaviors. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

To provide the student with an understanding of the etiologies of criminal behavior

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

➢ Critically analyze the variability in violent and nonviolent crime
➢ The criteria applied in designating sexual and deviant offenses
➢ The pattern of addiction
➢ Criminal behavior as it relates to insanity, as well as, more definitive objectives deriving from the specific chapter topics; and vi-cap psychological assessment

Major Topics To Be Covered

- Deterrence theory of punishment
- Retributive theory of punishment
- Capital punishment
- Conscious-willing choice vs. Irresistible impulse
- Sexual offenses, pornography, and prostitution
- White collar crime
- Mental disorders
- Violent and nonviolent crimes, including VI-CAP psychological assessment