NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 232 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (3 CR.)

Course Description
Addresses domestic violence as a form of interpersonal violence within our country directed at spouses, domestic partners, children and the elderly. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a basic understanding of the definitions of domestic violence, the types of violence reported, motivations for domestic violence, victim impact of domestic violence and the response of the criminal justice system.

Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites
None

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

- define and identify the types of domestic violence.
- understand the motivation for the violence.
- understand the victim impact of the violence.
- understand the criminal justice response to problems in dealing with domestic violence.

Major Topics to be Included

- History of domestic violence in America
- Specific types of domestic violence
  - Spouses
  - Partners
  - Children
  - Elderly
- Recent changes in the Criminal Justice System that addresses domestic violence

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor