NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 235 - RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 CR)

Course Description

Presents research methodology—including the development of research questions, quantification techniques, collection procedures, analysis tools, and the means of establishing relationships between theory, policy, and practice. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an understanding of data location, research Methodology, analysis of research, and preparation of a paper.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisites: Completion of all first year and first semester second year courses in the ADJ program.

Course Objectives

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

- Demonstrate the ability to develop a research problem and hypothesis(es)
- Develop a written survey of the literature related to a research problem
- Develop and use a survey instrument or an interview schedule to gather data for a research problem
- Analyze research findings and relate them to the previous research
- Prepare a written research paper on a problem chosen by the student
- Prepare and deliver an oral presentation on their research topic

Major Topics To Be Included

- Research Notebook
- Dimensions of Research Tools of Research
- Problem Statement
- Writing Research
- Learning Resources Center
- Internet Research
- The Review of the Related Literature
- Methodology
- Research Methods
- Sampling
- Data Collection Instrument Construction

Optional Topics

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor.