Course Description

Introduces and evaluates the concepts of normal and abnormal behavior. Focuses on the psychological and sociological aspects of criminal and other deviant behavior patterns. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide students with an insight into the thinking and action patterns of various types of human behavior, including criminal behavior.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

- Identify and explain various types of behavior patterns
- Show relationships between patterns of thought and behavior
- Demonstrate the similarities and dissimilarities of behavior
- Gain an understanding of human behavior

Major Topics To Be Included

- Changing role of criminal justice officers
- Professional attitude towards human behavior, including criminal behavior
- Normal personality development
- Abnormal behavior: what it is and what to do
- Understanding mental illness
- Assessing and managing abnormal behavior in the field
- Behavioral aspects of disasters
- Suicidal behavior
- Behavioral aspects of crowds and crowd control
- Behavioral aspects of hostage situations
- Criminal deviance
- Patterns of criminal behavior
- Stress of work in the criminal justice system

EXTRA TOPICS (optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor