NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 100 - SURVEY OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 CR.)

Course Description
Presents an overview of the United States criminal justice system; introduces the major system components: law enforcement, judiciary and corrections. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose
The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an overview of the coordination and interdependency of the major elements in the criminal justice system and provide insights to career opportunities available.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites
None

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

a) explain the basic organization of each of the major elements of the criminal justice system
b) describe the challenges of law enforcement, judiciary and corrections elements in today's dynamic societal environment
c) examine the variety of career opportunities available in the criminal justice system

Major Topics to be Included

a) History of law enforcement, the judiciary system, and correctional system
b) Organizational components of police agencies, court systems, and correctional systems
c) Examine pre-trial and post-trial legal processes and trial
d) Examine current trends in the American criminal justice system
e) Examine current and future critical issues within the criminal justice system
f) Discuss the interdependency between law enforcement agencies, courts, and corrections
g) Explain the basic process of entering the criminal justice system
h) Define crimes and causation of crimes
i) Discuss career opportunities in the criminal justice system

Extra Topics (optional)
Related subjects at the discretion of the instructor