

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 107 - SURVEY OF CRIMINOLOGY (3 CR.)**

Course Description

Surveys the volume and scope of crime; considers a variety of theories developed to explain the causation of crime and criminality. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an awareness of the multi-faceted nature of crime in contemporary culture, and to provide insight into how the criminal justice system, with citizen cooperation, is dealing with criminal behavior.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

- a) Display the impact of crime on victims, private business, and government institutions.
- b) Relate various theories to crime and criminal behavior.
- c) Describe the role of criminal justice agencies and the citizenry in combating the crime threat.
- d) Differentiate between the different types of crime such as, organized crime, white-collar crime, property crime, persons crime, and public order crime.
- e) Differentiate and assess major theories of crime causation in society.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Explain the extent and problem of crime in American society
- b) Describe how crime is reported to law enforcement officials
- c) Theories of criminal causation (biological, psychological, and sociological)
- d) Describe classical, conflict, and integrated theories of crime
- e) Victims of crime (victimology)
- f) Crimes of violence
- g) Public order crime
- h) Property crime
- i) Organized crime
- j) White-collar crime
- k) Differences between professional and amateur criminals
- l) Examine the effectiveness of punishment and rehabilitation
- m) Review crime prevention techniques

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor