NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY
ADJ 163 - CRIME ANALYSIS AND INTELLIGENCE (3 CR.)

Course Description

Provides a basic introduction to crime analysis and criminal intelligence. Covers the need, structure and function within the law enforcement agency, relevant law, and future trends. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an understanding of the law enforcement and national security profession and process of identifying, analyzing, and finding solutions to patterns, trends, and problems to crime and national security challenges.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

a) understand and explain the reasons for major law enforcement and national security failures of intelligence collection, analysis, and failure to share results.
b) explain the differences between crime analysis, intelligence analysis, investigative analysis, and operational analysis.
c) understand and describe each step of the intelligence cycle.
d) identify various traits of a professional intelligence analyst.
e) identify and describe the uses for different types of law enforcement analytic software.
f) explain how an analyst's perceptions, mindsets, and cognitive biases can adversely affect intelligence products.
g) understand and explain the ethical issues involving the law enforcement collection, retention, and use of information about persons and organizations.

Major Topics to be Included

a) explain the relevance of the NYPD's Compstat process.
b) review historical law enforcement, military, and national security intelligence successes and failures.
c) examine the FBI's intelligence cycle.
d) review intelligence collection tactics and problems prior and post 9/11.
e) differentiate between strategic and tactical intelligence.
f) review ethical intelligence collection techniques.
g) examine organizational communication between law enforcement and national security agencies.
h) discuss career opportunities in the field of intelligence.

Extra Topics (Optional)

The course may include related topics at the discretion of the instructor.