

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
ADJ 232 – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (3 CR.)

Course Description

Addresses domestic violence as a form of interpersonal violence within our country directed at spouses, domestic partners, children and the elderly. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a basic understanding of intimate partner violence. The course will define intimate partner violence and explain the types of violence. Finally, motivations of violence, impact of intimate partner violence, and responses by the criminal justice system will be analyzed.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None

Course Objectives

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

- a) define intimate partner violence and identify the different types of violence.
- b) describe the motivations of intimate partner violence.
- c) describe the impact of abuse on victims.
- d) identify law enforcement response to intimate partner violence.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Identify specific types of violence such as, spousal, child, and elderly abuse
- b) Examine child abuse and neglect
- c) Examine sexual violence by intimate partners
- d) Examine abuser characteristics
- e) Describe the challenges of testifying in intimate partner violence trials
- f) Describe arrest procedures for intimate partner violence
- g) Define economic abuse by intimate partners
- h) Discuss the challenges of leaving abusive relationships
- i) Review protection order or restraining orders for individuals being stalked
- j) Explore public and non-profit agencies for victims of abuse

Extra Topics (Optional)

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor