

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY ADJ 235 - RESEARCH IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 CR.)

Course Description

Presents research methodology—including the development of research questions, quantification techniques, collection procedures, analysis tools, and the means of establishing relationships between theory, policy, and practice. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

The purpose of this course is to provide the student an understanding of data collection, research methodology, analysis or research, and preparation of documents.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

Prerequisite: None.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- a) demonstrate the ability to develop a research problem and hypothesis.
- b) develop a written survey of the literature related to a criminal justice research problem.
- c) analyze research findings and relate the findings to previous research.
- d) prepare a scholarly research paper on the specific problem displaying peer-reviewed material related to the problem.
- e) analyze research findings and relate the findings to previous research.

Major Topics to Be Included

- a) Analyzing previous research findings
- b) Problem statements
- c) Case study construction
- d) Survey sampling
- e) Research methods
- f) Data collection instruments
- g) Review related literature
- h) Explore different types of research
- i) Explore different research methodologies

Optional Topics

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor.