

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
ADJ 289 - COMPARATIVE SYSTEMS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3 CR.)**

**Course Description**

Surveys administration of justice in a variety of nations, comparing workings and results of different law enforcement, judicial and correctional components. May include international field trips.  
Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose**

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with an acquaintance to the philosophy and history of criminal justice agencies of various nations and to permit an in-depth analysis and comparison with their American counterparts.

**Course Prerequisites/Corequisites**

None

**Course Objectives**

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

- Learn of various criminal justice agencies worldwide
- Provide an overview of problems, jurisdictions, career opportunities and training in selected criminal justice agencies world wide

**Major Topics To Be Included**

- Study and comparison of crimes
- Study and comparison of current issues
  - Capital punishment
  - Penal systems and alternative sanctions
  - Discrimination
  - Discretionary powers
  - Perceptions, roles, objectives, training, etc.

**Extra Topics (Optional)**

Related topics at the discretion of the instructor