

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 232

Domestic Violence

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Surveys historical issues that have affected family violence. Examines current trends in the context of the criminal justice system.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Equal Protection of the Law? Gender and Justice in the United States Author: Atwell
ISBN# 978-0-820-45502-0

The following supplementary materials are available: Another textbook.

Hurting the ones you love. Author: Irene Frieze
ISBN: 978-0534-633165

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

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

- Understand the social and legal issues associated with domestic violence
- Have a working knowledge of the Virginia Code for domestic violence
- Comprehend gender and societal inequities brought about by domestic violence
- Know the warning signs of domestic violence
- Provide referral information to domestic violence victims
- Understand organizational responses to domestic violence issues

Topical Description

1	Gender and Societal Inequities
2	Victimization
3	Cycle of Violence
4	Psychological Impact
5	Cultural Considerations
6	Code of Virginia
7	Community Perspectives
8	Bridging Relationships
9	Role Conflicts
10	Court System Responses
11	Police Response
12	Local Referral Agencies for Victims
13	Protecting the Children of Domestic Violence

Notes to Instructors