

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 105

The Juvenile Justice System

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Presents the evolution, philosophy, structures and processes of the American juvenile delinquency system; surveys the right of juveniles, dispositional alternatives, rehabilitation methods and current trends.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Juvenile Delinquenc, 2nd edition Author: Bartollas/Schmallenger
ISBN# 978-01-33826289

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

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

- Explain the connections among poverty, social disparity and juvenile delinquency
- Articulate the role of parenting as it relates to delinquency
- Understand the development of the early juvenile systems
- Describe the police response to delinquency
- Define the concept of diversion
- Comprehend the role of discretion in delinquency
- Discuss the intake process
- Explain the transfer of juveniles to Criminal Court
- Delineate the functions of key juvenile court personnel
- Evaluate the effectiveness of community-based supervision
- List the various types of juvenile correctional facilities
- Articulate the concept of *parens patriae*
- Discuss the violent juvenile offender

Topical Description

1	Defining Juveniles
2	Politics of Juvenile Justice
3	The Family and Delinquency
4	The Community and Delinquency
5	Development of the Juvenile Courts
6	Police Response to Juvenile Offenders
7	Juvenile Diversion
8	Juvenile Intake Process
9	Transfer of Juveniles to Criminal Court
10	Community-Based Programs for Juveniles
11	Institutional Corrections for Juveniles
12	Status Offenders
13	Violent Juvenile Offenders

Notes to Instructors