

Virginia Western Community College

ADJ 107

Survey of Criminology

Prerequisites

None

Course Description

Surveys the volume and scope of crime; considers a variety of theories developed to explain the causation of crime and criminality.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

1. Textbook
2. Internet access
3. Blackboard

Textbook:

Criminology: A Sociological Understanding, 6th edition Author: Steven E. Barkan
ISBN# 978-0-13-345899-2

Other Required Materials:

None

Course Outcomes

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

- Identify deviant behavior
- Understand the how social backgrounds influence attitudes, behaviors, and opportunities in life
- Realize that the media portrays the crime picture in a biased fashion focusing on violence
- Pinpoint the source of accurate crime data
- Elaborate on the plight of crime victims
- Explain the biological, psychological, and sociological causes of crime

Topical Description

1	Understanding Crime and Victimization
2	Explaining Crime
3	Criminal Behaviors
4	Controlling and Preventing Crime
5	Violence Against Women and Children
6	White-Collar Crime & Organized Crime
7	Political Crime

Notes to Instructors