

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CRJ 213S CRIMINOLOGY
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An examination of the nature, variation, and causes of crime with emphasis on theories of crime and criminal behavior. Study of social institutions and their influence on labeling and labeling behavior. Topics will include social pathology, traditional crime and criminals, and emergent criminal activities such as computer-assisted crime.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
2	1. Provide the history of criminology and its various forms (e.g. classical criminology).	5
2	2. Compare and contrast the major theoretical explanations of crime and discuss their implications.	3, 4
2	3. Discuss the impact of different criminological explanations on the development of public policy.	2, 3
2	4. Compare and contrast the different ways to measure crime, including official, self-report and victimization measures.	4, 5
4	5. Analyze various crime patterns and trends.	4, 5
3	6. Demonstrate and understanding of the issues faced by the victims of crime.	1, 2, 4

CORE VALUES

The core values are a set of principles which guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce and/or reinforce the core values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Crime and Criminology.
2. The Nature and Extent of Crime.
3. Victims and victimization.
4. Rational choice theory.
5. Trait theories.
6. Social structure theory.
7. Social process theory.
8. Social conflict, critical criminology, and restorative justice.
9. Developmental theories: Life course and Latent trait.
10. Interpersonal violence.
11. Political crime and terrorism.
12. Property Crime.
13. Enterprise crime: White-collar and organized crime.
14. Public order crime: Sex and substance abuse.
15. Cybercrime and technology.

TEXTS AND MANUALS

Larry J. Siegel, *Criminology: Theories, Patterns, and Typologies*, 11th Ed., Cengage, 2013

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