

Course: CRM 220

Course Title: Criminology

Credit Hours: 3

Department: Criminology & Criminal Justice

Prerequisite: None

General Education Area:

HUMAN CULTURES - Social & Behavioral Sciences (*GEC 110*)

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Typically Offered During:

Fall Full Semester:	YES	Fall 1 st Block:	YES	Fall 2 nd Block:	YES
Spring Full Semester:	YES	Spring 1 st Block:	YES	Spring 2 nd Block:	YES
Summer:	YES				

Typical Instructional Modality:

Traditional (seated):	YES	Blended:	YES	Internet:	YES
Online Video:	NO	Web Conference:	NO		

May Also Count Toward Department Offering:

Major:	YES	Minor:	YES	Certificate:	NO
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Please see online published semester class schedule and undergraduate catalog for detailed course offering information.

How do you describe the course to students when they ask “What is this class about?” (Without using the catalog description)?

This course examines a wide variety of psychological, biological, and sociological explanations for criminal activity. Students are also exposed to a wide variety of theoretical perspectives that are designed to explain the occurrence of criminal activity at the individual, community, and national level.

Beyond meeting a General Education requirement, what benefits can students realize from choosing this course?

In this course, students examine how researchers measure the key theoretical concepts within these perspectives, as well as how the prevalence and incidence of criminal behavior is measured. Particular emphasis is placed on students’ ability to demonstrate their understanding of the relationship between theory, research, and practice. Furthermore, students practice using the scientific method as a tool for understanding individual- and group-level offending.

Other than your major/minor/certificate students, what groups of students could find this course relevant to their degree program or career path?

Students who anticipate working with offenders or victims would benefit from a deeper understanding of the factors that are associated with involvement in crime.

Catalog Description (Fall 2022 Undergraduate Catalog)

This course examines the nature and various dimensions of criminality through the lens of the social and behavioral sciences. Historical and contemporary explanations of crime rooted in a range of biological, psychological, and sociological perspectives are explored as well as their implications for individuals, social systems, and organizations. Students will learn how various institutions have experimented with and adopted crime-reduction policies and practices over time.