

SOC 231 - DEVIANCE AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the study of deviance and deviant behavior. The sociological study of deviance refers to the analysis of any behavior that violates social norms. This course will examine and analyze instances of non-criminal and criminal deviance and social responses to deviant behavior. Theoretical approaches that seek to explain social deviance are also discussed and evaluated. Group 1 course.

Credit Hours

3

Contact Hours

3

Lecture Hours

3

Recommended Prerequisites or Skills Competencies

SOC 101, placement into ENG 111/11

General Education Outcomes supported by this course

Communications - Direct, Critical Thinking - Direct

Other college designations supported by this course

Degree Req:Cultural Persp/Div, Infused: Writing Intensive

Course Learning Outcomes

Knowledge:

- Describe deviance in society using sociological context.
- Develop fact-based analyses of the workings of the various components of the criminal justice system relating to issues of social class, race, and gender.

Application:

- Critically evaluate the criminal justice system and deviance in society based on course contexts.

Integration:

- Explore social and economic forces as they relate to inequality, deviance and criminal behavior.

Human Dimension:

- Develop relationships through collaboration.

Caring - Civic Learning:

- Investigate the relationship between social and civil engagement and the effect on people's and society.

Learning How to Learn:

- Practice metacognition in their reflective journal writings.