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CRMJ 2120  The Juvenile Justice System

This Course Outline is subject to change with notice.

Credit Hours: 3

Prerequisites: None

Catalog Description:
This course addresses the problem of juvenile delinquency and youth crime with emphasis on the history of the juvenile justice system, the court and police role within the system, rehabilitation and correction of the delinquent and juvenile probation services. Alternatives to traditional procedures such as community-based programs vs. correctional institutions, and non-judicial adjustments are examined.

Group for Whom the Class is Intended: This course is intended for students pursuing the following degrees and programs of study: Students following the Criminal Justice Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associates of Science (A.S.) Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP); students following the Pre-Law area of emphasis; students aspiring to careers in law enforcement, the judicial system, and/or the correctional system; and for those interested in the subject of criminal justice.

Instructor Information:
Name, Rank, and Title:
Office Location:
Office Hours:
Academic Advising Hours:
Office Phone Number and Email Address:

Required Texts:
Please refer to the official Departmental Textbook Information document which is located on the Social Sciences Home page

Program Learning Goals:
1. Students will analyze the nature and extent of delinquency in America.
2. Students will be able to discuss the various criminological theories which attempt to explain juvenile behavior.
3. Students will explain the social context of delinquency.
4. Students will analyze the juvenile justice system.

Course Objectives: Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to:

1. Describe the concept of status.
2. Discuss the treatment of children throughout history.
3. Compare/contrast legal and social definitions of delinquency.
4. Discuss statistical models of delinquency.
5. Outline trends in delinquency using the characteristics of age, gender, class, and race/ethnicity.
6. Discuss classical and neoclassical criminological theories.
7. Discuss biological and psychological criminological theories.
8. Outline cultural deviance theory.
9. Outline strain theory.
10. Outline social control theory.
11. Discuss how cultural deviance, strain, and social control theories have influenced public policy.
12. Outline labeling theory.
13. Outline conflict theory.
14. Discuss the concept of radical nonintervention.
15. Discuss how labeling and conflict theories have influenced public policy.
16. Identify the differences in socialization which exist based upon gender.
17. Explain how gender identity affects delinquent behavior.
18. Outline the traditional socialization roles of the family.
19. Describe the effects of non-traditional family structures upon juvenile behavior.
20. Outline the importance of parenting skills to juvenile behavior.
21. Describe the difference in family structure and parenting style.
22. Discuss peer group and gang delinquency.
23. Discuss school violence.
24. Discuss students’ due process and other Constitutional rights.
25. Discuss the importance of police discretion in dealing with juveniles.
26. Outline police diversion programs.
27. Describe the juvenile court process.
28. Discuss the phenomenon of transfer of juveniles to adult court.
29. Outline juvenile corrections.
30. Describe the inherent problems in housing juveniles with adults.

**Major Assignments and Method for Calculating the Final Grade:**

- Homework/Current Events Assignments/Quizzes 60%
- Mid-term Examination 15%
- Final Examination 25%

**Grading Policies:**

**Grading Scale:**

- A = 94 - 100
- B = 84 - 93
C = 72 - 83
D = 60 - 71
F = 0 - 59

Course Policies:

Academic Misconduct Policy:
Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. Students guilty of academic misconduct, either directly or indirectly, through participation or assistance, are immediately responsible to the instructor of the class. Based on their professional judgment, instructors have the authority to impose the following academic sanctions: (a) require the student to repeat the assignment for full or partial credit; (b) assign a zero, an F, or any other grade appropriate for the assignment or examination; (c) assign an F for the course. In addition, disciplinary sanctions may be imposed through the regular institutional procedures. For more information, see MSCC Policy 3:02:00:03.

Classroom Misconduct Policy:
The instructor has the primary responsibility for maintenance of academic integrity and controlling classroom behavior, and can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct that violates the general rules and regulations of the institution for each class session during which the conduct occurs. Extended or permanent exclusion from the classroom, beyond the session in which the conduct occurred, or further disciplinary action can be effected only through appropriate procedures of the institution.

Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), text messaging, and the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, lap-top computers, games, etc.). For more information, see MSCC Policy 3:02:00:03.

Emergency Procedures Policy: see MSCC Policy 1:07:10:00

Educational Technology:

Accessing Campus Computers or the MSCC Library from off Campus:
Your Username format is your First Initial, Last Name and Month and Day Birthday in the Format of MMDD. Example: Marcia Smith born on April 11, 1992 - Username:
msmith0411. Your Pin will be the numeric pin you created when you initially applied to Motlow College.

Using D2L:  
For help with D2L including how to submit materials to a Dropbox, see this page:  
http://www.mscc.edu/techtube.aspx

Technical Support/Assistance:  
Students having problems logging into a course, timing out of a course, using course web site tools, or any other technical problems, should contact the MSCC Technology Help Desk at 931-393-1510 or toll free 1-800-654-4877, Ext. #1510 (or d2lhelp@mscc.edu)

Disability Services/Accommodations:  
Motlow College is committed to meeting the needs of qualified students with disabilities by providing equal access to educational opportunities, programs, and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate. This commitment is consistent with the College's obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Together, these laws prohibit discrimination against qualified persons with disabilities. To this end, the Director of Disability Services for Motlow College coordinates services and serves as an advocate and liaison for students with disabilities attending Motlow College. Contact the Director of Disability Services here: http://www.mscc.edu/disability/index.aspx.

Students with disabilities who would need assistance in an emergency evacuation should self-disclose that need to the instructor no later than the second day of class or second group meeting.

Confidentiality of Student Records:  
The education records of current and former students at Motlow State Community College are maintained as confidential records pursuant to The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 as amended. For further information, see MSCC Policy No. 3:02:03:00.

Student Success:  
Tutoring:  
MSCC Instructors can guide students to specific resources regarding Tutoring in their discipline. In particular, students may find help with Math and Essay Writing via each campus’ Learning Support labs. Students should contact the labs on their campus to schedule appointments for help. For additional help, see the Student Success page: http://www.mscc.edu/student_success/index.aspx

Academic Advisement:  
MSCC Instructors can guide students to specific resources regarding Advisement. For additional help, see the Academic Advisement page: http://www.mscc.edu/advisement/index.aspx