A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/Week:

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies, Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course examines causes and underlying factors that account for violence in American Society. Students examine the extent, causes and challenges of violence in today's society. For those students who work in the human services field, this course prepares them to identify and critique methods and strategies for addressing violence. It may be taken alone or as the first of three core courses required for the community violence prevention minor. Prerequisite: Courses in psychology or sociology.

B. Course Effective Dates: 12/14/2014 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze violence as it relates to social norms and values.
2. Apply knowledge of theories of violence to a case study.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the historical, socio-cultural, and micro-sociological contexts of violence.
4. Explain and integrate at least three theories related to the causes of violence.
5. Interpret violence as portrayed by popular culture and as reposted in the news media.
6. Relate an analysis of violence to one's own views and experiences.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies

None

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
3. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.
4. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.

G. Special Information

Prerequisite: Courses in psychology or sociology.