A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice AND CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course focuses on theories, concepts, narratives, and myths of crime and delinquent behavior. Contemporary issues and controversies within the criminal justice field are explored in social, political, and economic context. Special emphasis is placed on the role of race, class, gender, and culture in relation to the etiology, prevention, control, and treatment of crime and delinquency. This course is committed to general theoretical debate, examination of the interrelation between criminological theory and research, and empirical analyses of policy and practice.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/15/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Apply criminological theories to practical situations criminal justice practitioners encounter.
2. Demonstrate awareness of the impact of diversity issues on the criminal justice system.
3. Demonstrate written communication skills.
4. Differentiates between facts about crime and the criminal justice system and myths commonly attributed to causation.
5. Evaluate the etiology of crime from an evidence based perspective.
6. Formulate solutions to crime problems confronting society.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice, AND either CJS 200 Literature in Criminal Justice OR CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice required. Note: This class replaces what used to be CJS 320: Applied Criminology.