A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice or instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course examines the nature and extent of gangs in America. It addresses the history of gangs, when they exist, when they are illusory, and public reactions to them. It considers variations among street gangs, and contrasts these with other extra-legal groups, including prison gangs and mafias. Attention is focused on individual-level correlates and risks associated with gang membership, group processes in gangs, and macro-level correlates of gangs and gang behaviors. The role of the community and criminal justice system in gang prevention, intervention, and suppression is also considered.

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. Analyze the psychological issues that lead to and result from gang involvement.
2. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.
3. Examine and evaluate the differences between tagging and gang graffiti.
4. Identify and understand the signs, symbols and history of a variety of street gangs.
5. Identify early warning signs of gang involvement for parents, schools, and communities.
6. Understand the family and spiritual dynamics of gang life.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None