

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AJ 180 - Criminology

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

A general study of crime, the science of crime and criminal behavior, the forms of criminal behavior and the causes of crime. Crime theories and sociological causes of crime, types of crime and issues of criminal behavior will also be addressed.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Analyze the history and sociology of crime in the United States.
2. Identify and analyze the different types of crime in the United States.
3. Identify and describe ten different crime theories and their relationship to criminal behavior.
4. Explain existing and emerging issues of criminality in the United States.
5. Explain how the criminal justice system handles criminal behavior.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

- I. Crime in the United States
 - A. History
 - B. Sociology of crime
 - C. Types and levels of crime
- II. Issues Affecting the Economic Order
 - A. White collar crime
 - B. Computer crime
 - C. Organized crime
- III. Issues Affecting the Political Order
 - A. Terrorism
 - 1. Domestic
 - 2. International
 - B. Hate Crimes
 - C. Political crimes
- IV. Issues Affecting the Social Order
 - A. Gangs
 - B. Domestic violence
 - C. Drugs and criminal behavior
- V. Crime and the Criminal Justice System
 - A. The process
 - B. Outcomes
 - 1. Punishments
 - 2. Rehabilitation
 - 3. Impact on criminality

REQUIRED READING:

Albanese, Jay and Robert Pursley. Crime In America: Some Existing and Emerging Issues. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice Hall, 1993.

SUGGESTED READING:

Akers, Ronald. Criminological Theories: Introduction and Evaluation. New York: Roxbury, 1994.

REQUIRED WRITING:

A five to eight page research/reaction paper on a specific type of criminal behavior.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short term classes.

Interview or read about a practicing criminal or police psychologist.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

This course may be offered as a distance education course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply. (See guidelines for preparation for definitions.)

- telecourse
- mediated instruction
- computer assisted instruction

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Class discussion and assignments	10%
Quizzes	20%
Research/reaction paper	20%
Midterm exam	20%
Final exam	30%

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s) 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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SIGNATURES ON FILE
