

# CRJ 105 – Crime and Criminal Behavior

## Course Description

This course covers the historical development of social and behavior explanations of adult crime, as well as juvenile crime and new evolutions in crime, including cybercrimes. Crime causation theories are explained in relation to policies developed from these theories, and the real and intended impact of these policies are discussed to demonstrate their impact on society concerning crime prevention and criminal rehabilitation.

## Instructional Materials

Hagan, Frank E. (2013). *Introduction to Criminology: Theories, Methods, and Criminal Behavior* (8th ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

## Course Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the nature of crime and criminology.
2. Explore the nature and prosecution of global crime.
3. Analyze the assumptions, limitations, and sample policies for the major theories of criminology.
4. Compare and contrast the major theories of criminology.
5. Identify the major theories of criminology that explain the differences between adult and juvenile crime.
6. Describe major types of crime.
7. Discuss new evolutions in theory to explain current evolutions in crime, such as cybercrime.
8. Use technology and information resources to research issues in crime and criminal behavior.
9. Write clearly and concisely about crime and criminal behavior using proper writing mechanics.