BAKER COLLEGE
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

CRJ 1410 Criminology
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Discuss the field of criminology.
   a. Describe how crime deconstruction assists in the apprehension of offenders.
   b. Explain the difference between criminal and racial profiling.
   c. Explain how knowledge of victimization patterns facilitates apprehension of offenders.
2. Investigate the historical and modern criminological perspectives and prominent theories.
   a. Discuss the differences between the major theories of criminal behavior.
   b. Explain how economic, politics, educational and job inequality, plus criminal justice system bias impact criminal behavior.
   c. Explore how psychological and biological development impacts criminal behavior.
3. Discuss the major types and classifications of violent and non-violent crimes in the U.S.
   a. Describe the origins of emerging forms of violence, including hate crimes, school violence, and U.S. terrorism.
   b. Explain how technology, human trafficking and legal and illegal drugs have changed the landscape of criminal justice.
   c. Explain "mala in se" and "malum prohibitum" as they relate to crime classification.
   d. Describe how crime data is collected in the U.S. and its effectiveness in providing solutions to stopping recidivism.
4. Explain the meaning of deviant behavior, crime and its impact on the nation, communities and individuals.
   a. Discuss the differences between juvenile and adult offending.
   b. Explain how individual personality traits increase or reduce the likelihood of criminal behavior.
5. Discuss the ways to interrupt the progression to prison.

a. Explain how marginalized communities are impacted more severely by our current criminal justice system.
b. Discuss the "age crime curve" and which interventions promote "desistance" and reduce recidivism.
c. Discuss the concepts of 'broken windows' theory, social equality, and restorative justice.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas
- Criminology
- Perspectives and Theories
- Causation
- Categories and Types of Crimes
- Deviant Behavior
- Reducing Criminal Behavior

Essential Questions
1. What is the field of criminology and the job of a criminologist?
2. How do the major perspectives, theories and views attempt to explain criminal behavior?
3. What are the causes of crime?
4. What are the categories and types of crime?
5. What and how is deviant behavior defined?
6. How do we modify behavior to reduce crime?

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