

**Western Dakota Technical Institute
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Master Syllabus

Course Number: CJUS 235
Course Title: Criminology
Credits: 3
Contact Hours: 3 Lecture

Course Description: The focus of this course is on factors related to crime in America, including basic issues, scope, and economic impact. Students will examine causes of criminal behavior, policy implications, and research. Explanations and measurements of crime, criminal law; characteristics of criminals and victims; and white collar, organized, and sexual crimes also will be studied.

Prerequisites: None

Text: <http://bookstore.wdt.edu/>

Materials: No additional materials required

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Relate applicable theories and concepts of criminology, social dynamics, and human behavior to the field of criminal justice.
- Compare and contrast common factors involved in the commission of various criminal acts.
- Apply discussed theories to the study of crime and criminal behavior and the eventual mitigation of crime.
- Develop a basic understanding victimology and the needs of crime victims.
- Incorporate concepts of abnormal human behavior in the overall field of criminal justice and law enforcement.

Assessment: Students analytical skills, life skills, communications skills, employability, and social values will be assessed throughout this course.

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