Miami Dade College

Course Description
CCJ1010 | Introduction to Criminology | 3.00 credits
Theories and causes of criminal and delinquent behavior, including its variations, ramifications, explanations and measures of prevention, control and treatment.

Course Competencies:
Competency 1: The student will learn about criminology by:
1. Discussing social justice
2. Describing the court system
3. Defining law and society
4. Citing human rights

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the crime by:
1. Examining crime data
2. Evaluating social policy in relation to crime rates
3. Discussing the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports
4. Identifying historical crime trends

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of criminological theory by:
1. Describing Beccaria's classical model of criminology
2. Differentiating between neoclassical theory and classical
3. Examining Bentham's theory of utilitarianism
4. Reviewing the usefulness of theory on social policy

Competency 4: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the biological theories by:
1. Discussing Lombroso and Sheldon's contributions to the school of positivism
2. Recognizing early theory of the positivist school
3. Evaluating the studies of criminal families
4. Explaining contemporary biosocial perspectives

Competency 5: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the psychological theories by:
1. Discussing behavioral conditioning
2. Explaining Freud's psychoanalytic theory
3. Describing the attributes of a psychotic offender
4. Identifying types of profiling

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of sociological theories by:
1. Describing the social ecology theory
2. Defining the relationship between functionalism and anomie theory
3. Differentiating between social process and social control theories
4. Describing Developmental/Life-course perspectives

Competency 7: The student will demonstrate knowledge of labeling and conflict theories by:
1. Identifying the predominant labeling theorists
2. Recognizing the basic assumptions of labeling and conflict theory
3. Understanding the relationship between power, inequities, and labeling

Competency 8: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the contemporary trends by:
1. Evaluating various feminist perspectives

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2. Comparing and contrasting white-collar crime, organized crime, and street crime
3. Explaining the relationship between drugs and crime

<u>Learning Outcomes:</u>
- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate and process numerical data
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities