

CJ 214 : CRIME, JUSTICE AND DIVERSITY

Transcript title

Crime, Justice and Diversity

Credits

4

Grading mode

Standard letter grades

Total contact hours

40

Lecture hours

40

Course Description

Takes an in-depth look at current research and theories of racial and ethnic discrimination within the United States' criminal justice system. This course examines the best and most recent research on patterns of criminal behavior and victimization, police practices, court processing and sentencing, the death penalty, and correctional programs, while making every effort to incorporate discussion of all major race groups found in the U.S.. Additionally, this course will outline the current federal regulations regarding cultural competence in professional practice.

Course learning outcomes

1. Explain how race and ethnicity are central to understanding crime and the American criminal justice system.
2. Examine and classify the difference between disparities and discrimination with regard to race and ethnicity.
3. Analyze the social context of crime in the US as it pertains to racial hoaxes, street crimes and hate crimes, by applying different theoretical explanations for the racial and ethnic gap in offending and victimization.
4. Compare and contrast the social and economic inequality, race and ethnicity, and participation in crime.
5. Identify the challenging issues in the relationship between the police and racial and ethnic minority communities, including the use of deadly force and racial profiling.
6. Analyze the treatment of racial minorities in the court system, which includes pretrial decisions, the jury selection process, as well as racial disparity in sentencing and the use of the death penalty.
7. Summarize the myths and realities about victimization of and crime by minority youth, by reviewing empirical research on racial disparities in the juvenile system.

General education/Related instruction lists

- Social Science