

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Juvenile Delinquency

Course #: SOC C241

Course Description:

This course's main objectives are to introduce the student to three main areas involving today's juveniles: they include theories of juvenile delinquency, the juvenile criminal justice system, and current issues/trends with today's youth. The course will not only inform the students what happens to youths when they enter the criminal justice system, but will discuss the reason behind them getting to that point in their lives. The class will look beyond the simple "mistakes" that our children make, but look more in depth into what causes them to fail at learning from these mistakes and continue to return to the courts due to their failure to follow the rules that society has set forth. There are many factors to include family, living conditions, location of growing up, age, male verses female, and others that can contribute both in a positive and negative way to how we grow up in today's society.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: None

Goals:

At the completion of this course, the student will have:

- Increased awareness of how the law, theory, court system, and society view the youth of today who engage in inappropriate and/or criminal behavior in our communities.
- Increased knowledge and understanding of how law enforcement deal with juveniles who break the law and the many options that can be utilized to include diversion.
- Increased realization of the diversity of beliefs held by society with juvenile delinquency.
- Develop the ability to understand and articulate different approaches to moral dilemmas in regard to juveniles and sentencing for heinous crimes such as murder and sexual assault.
- Develop the ability to think and write critically about issues brought forth in weekly discussions and essay questions on important juvenile delinquency issues. Being able to clearly articulate one's thoughts on paper is critical to being successful in any and all criminal justice fields.

Outcomes:

- Students will understand the progression a juvenile will take through the court system for both status offenses and delinquent acts.
- Knowledge of the current laws associated with juveniles will be understood and used in a variety of case studies allowing the student a clear understanding of when juveniles become adults and how the laws are different based on age.

- Students will learn the many diversion techniques practiced by police, probation, the court system and youth advocacy groups within a community to adequately access and redirect adolescents who are struggling with abiding by the laws of society.
- Students will obtain a real life understanding of the factors that cause young adults to choose the wrong path in life to include family upbringing, economics, geographical concerns, and education.
- Students will have direct access to active police Detective (instructor) allowing for questions and concerns on all types of various crimes related to any and all subject matter that may have come up during the class.

College Policies

Plagiarism: Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is cwoodcock@nwcc.edu.

School Cancellations: If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College’s website at www.nwcc.edu. Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

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Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team: NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim’s needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

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At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.