

Common Course Outline

CRJU 205

Sex Crimes

3 Credits

Community College of Baltimore County

Description

CRJU 205 – 3 credits – Sex Crimes focuses on perpetrators and victims of sex crimes. The course examines the etiology and behaviors related to sexual perpetrators, the impact of sexual victimization and the criminal justice system's response to these populations. The impact of working with these populations on criminal justice professionals is also discussed.

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Prerequisite: ACLT 052 or ACLT 053; and CRJU 101

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. identify the sexual standards used to determine sexual normalcy;
2. differentiate the elements of sexual behavior between acceptable sexual functioning and deviant and criminal sexual practices;
3. synthesize the four prevailing approaches related to the etiology of sexual perpetrators;
4. describe the various types of effects of sexual victimization;
5. analyze how nuisance sexual behaviors are related to sex crimes;
6. identify signs of vicarious trauma and describe potential interventions;
7. describe the dynamics found in various types of incestuous relationships;
8. distinguish an intra-familial child molester from an extra-familial child molester;
9. examine the offender typologies for individuals who perpetrate sex crimes against children;
10. differentiate several types of dangerous sexual practices;
11. describe the characteristics of hedonistic killers;
12. identify rapist typologies;
13. evaluate the popular media depictions of sex crimes;
14. summarize the influences of the Internet on sex crimes;
15. identify empirically-proven interventions for sex offenders; and
16. identify the criminal justice system's responses to sex offenders

Major Topics

- I. Sex Crimes in the United States
- II. Theories of Sexual Deviance
- III. Deviant versus Criminal Sexual Behaviors
- IV. Child Molestation and Incest

- V. Child Pornography
- VI. Sexually Motivated Homicides
- VII. Rape
- VIII. Criminal Justice Interventions for Sexual Perpetrators
- IX. Victims of Sex Crimes

Course Requirements

Grading/exams:

Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

- Six (6) Reflective reading and writing assignments
- One (1) Oral presentations
- One (1) Research projects
- Three (3) Student-facilitated book clubs
- One (1) Written test or performance-based observation

Students are required to utilize appropriate academic resources.

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice Studies elective course.