

## Course Objectives/Course Outline

### Spokane Community College

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**Course Title: Intro to Criminology**

**Prefix and Course Number: CJ& 112**

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**Course Learning Outcomes:**

**By the end of this course, a student should be able to:**

- Identify and discuss the causes of various crime typologies: violent crime, political crime and terrorism, sex offenses, and transnational crime
- Identify and discuss the primary sociological theories of crime causation, to include the effects of environment and culture on the individual
- Identify and discuss the primary theories of victimology, to include victim precipitation theory, social ecology of victimization, and life style theories
- Identify and discuss biological and psychological causes of deviant behavior, to include mental illness, diminished capacity, brain damage, biochemical and neuropsychological conditions, and genetics

Outline:

- I. Concepts of Crime, Law, and Criminology
  - A. Criminology definitions
  - B. Policies and Issues in Criminology
  - C. History of Criminology
  - D. Deviant or Criminal
  - E. Profiles in Crime
  - F. Ethical Issues in criminal Justice
  
- II. The Nature and Extent of Crime
  - A. Primary sources of Crime data
  - B. Crime Trends
  - C. policies and Issues in Criminology
  - D. Crime Patterns
  - E. Chronic Offenders
  
- III. Victims and Victimization
  - A. The Victim's role
  - B. The Nature of Victimization
  - C. Theories of Victimization
  - D. Caring for the Victim
  
- IV. Theories of Crime Causation
  - A. Rational Choice Theory
  - B. Profiles in Crime
  - C. Crime prevention
  - D. General Deterrence
  - E. Policy Implications of Choice Theory

- F. Trait Theory
- G. Social Structure Theory
- H. Social Process Theory

V. Social Conflict, Critical Criminology, and Restorative Justice

- A. Defining Crime and Justice
- B. Forms of Critical Criminology
- C. Critical Theory and Restorative Justice
- D. Policies and Issues in Criminology
- E. Profiles and issues in Criminology

VI. Crime Typologies

- A. Violent Crimes
- B. Causes of violence
- C. Murder and Homicide
- D. Rape, Assault and battery. Robbery

VII. Political Crime and Terrorism

- A. Political Crime
- B. Terrorism
- C. What Motivates Terrorists
- D. Response to Terrorism

VIII. Economic Crimes

- A. Blue Collar
- B. White Collar Crimes
- C. Green Collar Crimes

IX. Public Order Crimes

- A. Law and Morality
- B. The Theory of Social Harm
- C. Sex-Related Offenses, Prostitution, Pornography, Substance Abuse.

X. Crimes of the New Millennium

- A. Crimes in the Cyber Age
- B. Cyber Crime for Profit
- C. Cybercrime with Malicious Intent
- D. Cybercrime with Political Motives
- E. Cyber Warfare
- F. Controlling Cybercrime