

SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Course Number: LECJ 120 Department: Law Enforcement

Course Title: Criminology Semester: FALL Year: 2005

Course Objective	Competencies
<p>1. To acquaint the student with an introduction to the study of crime.</p> <p>2. Describe the various methods of measuring crime.</p> <p>3. To know the major theories of criminology. This includes the Classical/Choice Theory and the Trait Theories.</p> <p>4. To define the crime patterns of the four offender typologies; violent crime, economic crime, enterprise crime and public order crime.</p> <p>5. To know the history of the study criminology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The student should be able to distinguish the study of criminology from the study of the criminal justice system agencies.▪ Identify and understand the four basic methods of measuring crime: official statistics, surveys, life histories and observation studies.▪ Explain the Classical/Choice Theory and the various biological, psychological, sociological and economic theories.▪ Identify the criminal offenders and/or behaviors associated with each of the four offender categories.▪ The student will be able to identify the major theorists with their theories from the 18th Century to the present.

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<p>6. To become acquainted with the field of victimology.</p> <p>7. Identify the criminal justice agencies and their role in the study of criminology.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The student must be able to identify the problems suffered by crime victims, explain the nature of victimization and explain the various theories of crime victimization. ▪ The student must have knowledge of the theories of criminology that are specifically relevant to agencies of the criminal justice system.