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**Prerequisites (If any):** None

**Goals and Objectives:**
Upon completion of this course, the student will have a fundamental knowledge of the following topics and will be able to:

1. Identify the social, political, geographic and situational factors that determine which acts become crimes.
2. Define Sutherland's definition of crime.
3. Discuss the extent, patterns, trends, rates of crime.
4. Compare values and limitations of the Uniform Crime Reports, the National Crime Victim Surveys and self-report data.
5. Review the NJ Uniform Crime Reports for crime patterns.
6. Explain Jerome Hall's seven basic requirements of a crime and the concepts of excuses and justifications.
8. Analyze the elements of various property and personal crimes.
9. Explain Situational & Lifestyle Theories of crime and strategies to prevent crime against people and places.
10. Become familiar with issues relating to the administration of justice involving the police, courts, and correction.