**Course Title:** INTRO TO CRIMINOLOGY  
**Term/Semester/Year:** Fall 2009  
**Course Catalog Number:** CRIM1102  
**Instructor:** Dr. James Kenny

**Course Description:** This course examines the theoretical perspectives on the nature and causes of crime, criminal behavior, and criminality. Topics include the nature of law, types of crimes, deviancy, crime statistics, crime prevention strategies, and issues in the administration of justice. It will examine the biological, psychological and sociological theories of crime causation.

**Prerequisites (If any):** N/A

**Goals and Objectives:** The lectures, guest speakers, current events, class exercises, films, handouts, audio tapes and readings will help the students learn to:

a. Identify the social, political, geographic and situational factors that determine which acts become crimes.
b. Define Sutherland’s definition of crime.
c. Discuss the extent, patterns, trends, rates of crime.
d. Compare values & limitations of the Uniform Crime Reports, the National Crime Victim Surveys and self-report data.
e. Review the NJ Uniform Crime Reports for crime patterns.
f. Explain Jerome Hall’s seven basic requirements of a crime and the concepts of excuses and justifications.
g. Contrast biological, psychological and sociological explanations of crime, and the Classical & Positivism Schools of thought.
h. Analyze the elements of various property & personal crimes.
i. Explain Situational & Lifestyle Theories of crime and strategies to prevent crimes against people and places.
j. Become familiar issues relating to the administration of justice involving the police, courts & corrections.

**Course Topics:**

1. The Nature of Crime
2. The Study of Criminology
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| 6. | The Legal Elements of Crime  
The Seven Requirements  
Defenses  
The Elements of Self-Defense |
| 7. | Measuring Crime; Identifying Crime Patterns  
Nature/Extent/Trends/Characteristics of Crime  
Examining the NJ Uniform Crime Reports |
| 8. | Violent Crimes: Homicide/Assault/Spouse & Child Abuse |
| 9. | Violent Crimes  
Rape/Robbery/Terrorism/School Violence/Gun Control |
| 10. | Crimes against Property |
| 11. | Situational Theories, Crime Victimization, Situational  
Crime Prevention |
| 12. | Classical/Positivist Criminology |
| 13. | Causes of Crime: Biological Perspectives  
Lombroso/Sheldon/Dugdale/Goddard  
XYY Chromosome/Twin & Adoption Studies/IQ/Biochemical Factors |
Maternal Deprivation/Learning Violence |
| 15. | Causes of Crime: Sociological Perspectives  
Strain/Social Disorganization/Differential Association Theories |
<p>| 17. | The Formation of Subcultures |
| 18. | Enforcing the Law |</p>
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Other: Handouts, films and guest speakers.