

Course Outline for SOC2215 — Criminology

Credits:	3 (3/0/0)
Description:	Meets MnTC Goal Areas 2 and 5. This course will provide a thorough overview of the field of criminology: the study of the theories which attempt to define and explain crime, criminal behavior and society's reactions to crime, including a focus on juvenile delinquency, the judicatory process and penology.
Prerequisites:	(None)
Corequisites:	(None)
Competencies:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gather factual information about trends in criminology and present it in a comprehensive manner.2. Examine alternative or competing explanations regarding the nature and frequency of criminology.3. Investigate the logical connections among the facts, goals, and implicit assumptions relevant to the issue of criminology.4. Recognize various policy decisions and their effects on the issue of criminology.5. Measure the correlates of criminological behavior.6. Employ the methods and data that criminologists use to understand criminal behavior.7. Apply knowledge of the effects of social institutions from a historical context on the issue of criminal behavior.8. Discuss alternative explanations or solutions in contemporary criminology.9. Analyze current and historical concepts in criminological theory.
Goal Areas:	(2) Critical Thinking (5) History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences