

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** ADJ 201

**Credits:** 3

**COURSE TITLE:** Criminology

**Course Description:** Studies current and historical data pertaining to criminal and other deviant behavior. Examines theories that explain crime and criminal behavior in human society.

**Prerequisites:** English placement recommendation for ENG 111, mathematics placement recommendation at level 2 or higher, and satisfactory completion of ENG 4 if required by reading placement test. **Prerequisite and Co-requisite:** ENG 108 if recommended by reading placement test. Prerequisite and Co-requisite courses may be waived only by program or school approval. Lecture 3 hours per week.

**General Course Purpose:**

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**Prerequisite and Co-requisite:** ENG 108 if recommended by reading placement test. Prerequisite and corequisite courses may be waived only by program or school approval.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

- a. Identify, describe, and discuss the theories for the causes of crime;
- b. Understand the relationship between victims and criminals;
- c. Define and describe the different types of crime in their social context;
- d. Discuss the implications of high technology on incidence of crime and types of crimes; and
- e. Differentiate between criminal justice and criminology.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Definition and Extent of the Criminological Enterprise
- b. Victims and Victimization
- c. The Classical School of Criminology
- d. The Positive School of Criminology
- e. The Social Conflict School of Criminology
- f. Developmental Criminology Theories
- g. Crime Typologies

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** Fall, 2004