

**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: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11 and competency in Introductory Algebra MDE 10 as demonstrated through placement or by satisfactorily completing MDE 10. Prerequisite and co-requisite courses may be waived only by program or school approval. Lecture 3 hours per week. 3 credits

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to

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

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- Definition and Extent of the Criminological Enterprise
- Victims and Victimization
- The Classical School of Criminology
- The Positive School of Criminology
- The Social Conflict School of Criminology
- Developmental Criminology Theories
- Crime Typologies

**Effective Date/Updated:** January 22, 2019