

TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Official Course Outline

- I. Course Prefix/Number/Title:** ADJ 201 Criminology
Credit Hours: 3 **Lecture Hours:** 3 **Lab Hours:** 0 **Total Contact Hours:** 3
- II. Pre-requisite:** None **Co-requisite:** None
- III. 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.
- IV. Course Objectives:** To assist the student to
- Define crime and understand what criminology is and what criminologists do
 - Recognize the difference between criminal and deviant acts, and appreciate the complexity of this distinction
 - Explain the history of statistical crime data collection and analysis, and understand the usefulness and limitations of crime data
 - Explain the relationship between personality and criminal behavior
 - Understand the distinctions of professional criminals, corporate crime, drug-related crimes, high-technology and computer crimes, white-collar crime, and terrorism
 - Identify the major characteristics of terrorism
 - Recognize and understand the different types of crime control strategies
- V. Course Content:**
- Definition of criminology
 - Patterns of crime
 - Research methods and theory related to the development of the criminal mind
 - Biological roots of criminal behavior
 - Psychological and psychiatric foundations of criminal behavior
 - The use of sociological theories to describe crime statistics
 - The development and effects of white-collar and organized crime
 - Drug abuse and its relation to crime
 - The use of technology to promote criminal activity
- VI. Textbooks:** Schmallegger, Frank. Criminology Today: An Integrative Introduction, 4th ed. New Jersey: Prentice Hall, 2005.
- VII. Additional Information:**