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1. **Course Number:** CRJ105
Course Title: Criminology, Theory and Practice
2. **Description:** This course provides a general overview of the major theories of crime and criminal behavior, as well as the scope and nature of the criminal justice system and the problem of crime.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes:**
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following:
 - analyze the history and development of the perspectives of criminology as well as traditional and current theories of criminology, crime typologies and the law enforcement system
 - develop communication skills by organizing and presenting ideas in a logical order, effectively listening, and developing persuasive skills based on facts
 - appreciate the use of research data to support sound decision-making, as well as the ability to appreciate objective and subjective reasoning and the difference between the two
 - analyze ethical decision-making unique to the criminal justice professional and recognize the ethical and moral dilemmas including sub-cultural norms
 - examine issues of diversity as they relate to theories of crime, and demonstrate an understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity.
4. **Credits:** 3 credits
5. **Satisfies General Education Requirement:** Behavioral and Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisite:** None
7. **Semester(s) Offered:** Fall, Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** The student's final grade is based on tests, written assignments, participation in debates and meaningful class participation that demonstrate the ability of the student to apply logic, reasoning and critical thinking skills.
9. **General Topical Outline (Optional):**
Introduction to Crime and Criminology
Nature and Extent of Crime
Victims
Choice Theory
Trait Theory
Social Structure Theory
Social Process Theory
Social Conflict Theory
Integrated Theory
Violent Crime
Property Crimes
Public Order Crimes
The Criminal Justice System