

**Nebraska Wesleyan University**

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## **CRMJS 3111 Crime and Society**

3 hours

### **Majors (Adult)**

Criminal Justice (B.S.)

### **Departments/Programs:**

Criminal Justice (Adult Undergraduate)

This course uses the sociological perspective to consider how deviance, crime, and punishment rate are “culturally defined, institutionally structured, and socially negotiated” (Harmann and Uggen 2014:xv). We will consider how socially constructed demographic categories such as race, social class, and gender are experienced differently in relation to society and the criminal justice system within that society. The focus will be on the balance between structured inequality and personal experiences in a complicated post-industrial society such as ours.

*Prerequisite(s): CRMJS-1011 and SOC-1111.*