

Nebraska Wesleyan University

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SOC 3111 Crime and Society

3 hours

Departments/Programs:

Criminal Justice (Adult Undergraduate)

This course uses the sociological perspective to consider how deviance, crime, and punishment are defined by their social location in time and place rather than being "absolute" categories. It emphasizes that society's ideas about these topics change across generations and across cultures. 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/CRMJS 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice and SOC 1111/SOC 1110 Introduction to Sociology.