Western Oklahoma State College
Criminal Justice Department

Course Syllabus

Course Number: CRIJ 2603

Course Title: Topics in Criminal Justice - Domestic Violence

Credit Hours: 3

Perquisites: None

Corequisites: None

Catalog Description: An examination of the relationships of individuals in society, dealing in particular with recognized relationships and conflict. A focus on child, spouse, and elderly abuse with discussion of services available to the abused is studied. Social influences will be examined that may cause or reinforce violent behavior in the home.

Textbook:
HeavyHands an Introduction to the Crimes of Family Violence, 2 Ed., Gosselin
ISBN: 978-0-13-613903-4

Supplies:
Standard note taking and writing materials

Learner Outcomes:

At the end of the course the student should demonstrate competency in the following:

1. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of domestic violence.

2. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of types of domestic violence.

3. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of services available and laws protecting against domestic violence.

Course Requirements:
Reading: readings from the assigned material, text & handouts.

Class Discussion: student participation in class discussion may be required. Participation may be used to evaluate student performance.

Writing: essay questions on exams or other written the instructor may require assignments.
Testing: the instructor may require a minimum of three exams, including the final exam. The tests may be subjective or objective and may consist of any combination of multiple-choice, matching, fill in the blank, or essay questions.

Method of Evaluation:
The instructor will follow the grading policy, which is stated in the WOSC college catalog.

A = 90 – 100
B = 80 – 89
C = 70 – 79
D = 60 – 69
F = 0 – 59

Note: Grade is for the Spring semester and will be on the student transcript after the end date of the course.

Attendance Policy:
Although attendance may not be used in the determination of grades, regular attendance is expected.

Academic Ethics:
Students are expected to comply with the regulations regarding cheating or plagiarism as stated in the Western Oklahoma State College catalog.

Student Assistance:
The following resources are available to assist the student in successful completion of this course:

A. supplemental course material delivered during class sessions
B. instructor/director available during office hours for special needs
C. tutoring services which are offered through the college counseling services

Course Competencies:
1.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of domestic violence:

1.1 Identify causes for domestic violence
1.2 Identify the cycle of violence
1.3 Identify victim rights
2.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of types of domestic violence:

2.1 Identify battered women’s syndrome

2.2 Identify Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

2.3 Identify shaken baby syndrome

3.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of services available and laws protecting against domestic violence:

3.1 Identify a safety plan

3.2 Identify stalking laws

3.3 Identify effects of a conviction for domestic violence.

Assessment
An important part of Western’s “commitment to excellence” is the systematic collection and examination of assessment data both to document and improve student learning. Instructors and students will be asked to participate in assessment activities as a part of the course work. The results of assessment benefit students by identifying how competently they perform course goals as well as benefiting the college by confirming Western’s performance as an institution of higher education.

According to the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the College of his/her disability and requesting accommodations. If you think you have a qualified disability and need classroom accommodations, contact the Counseling Office (C-1E). To receive services, you must submit appropriate documentation and complete an intake process during which the existence of a qualified disability is verified and reasonable accommodations are identified. Please call (580) 477-7710, or email april.dill@wosc.edu for more information.

Please advise the instructor of your disability as soon as possible to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of a disability from the Counseling Office but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations.