Catalog Description: The objective of this course is to introduce the student to the study of criminal behavior within our society. The information will be presented from both a theoretical and a practical point of view. The information will be presented beginning with the theoretical point of view, and moving into specific crimes and cases for study.

Textbook: Introduction to Criminology, Anthony Walsh and Craig Hemms, Sage Publishing

Learner Outcomes:
At the end of the course the student should demonstrate competency in the following:
1. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of crime and criminology.
2. Demonstrate a deeper understanding of crime and topologies.

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 assignments may be required by the instructor.
Testing: a minimum of three exams, including the final exam, may be required by the instructor. 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 scale, 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. (See student disciplinary regulations)

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 crime and criminology.
1.1 Identify and analyze history of criminology
1.2 Identify and analyze contemporary criminology
1.3 Identify and analyze deviant behavior
1.4 Identify and analyze penology.
2.0 Demonstrate a deeper understanding of crime and topologies.
1.1 Identify and analyze current issues in crime
1.2 Identify and analyze social structure theories
1.3 Identify and analyze violent crime
1.4 Identify and analyze non violent crime

Assessment
An important part of Western’s “commitment to excellence” is the systematic collection and examination of assessment data both to document and to 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.