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General Syllabus**CRIMINAL JUSTICE 3023: CHILD MALTREATMENT**

Credit Hours: 3 (16 weeks) Lecture Hours: 3 Laboratory or other types of Hours:

Prerequisite(s): Criminal Justice major or minor, junior standing or consent of department head

Effective Catalog: 2021-2022

I. Course Information**A. Catalog Description**

An overview of child abuse and maltreatment, including training required for mandated reporters in the state of Arkansas. Examines the sociological and psychological effects of abuse with emphasis on the effects on diverse racial ethnicity groups. Examines the sociological and psychological impact of abuse on the family structure and culture. Discusses intervention strategies.

B. Additional Information**II. Student Learning Outcomes****A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the history and origins of child abuse in America.
2. Assess the types, signs, and effects of various forms of child maltreatment.
3. Complete the mandated reporter training for mandated reporters in the state of Arkansas.
4. Evaluate family structures common to different racial and ethnic groups and how they affect identifying child maltreatment.
5. Evaluate family structures common to different racial and ethnic groups and how they affect intervention into dysfunctional or abusive families.
6. Examine the effect of culture on identifying child maltreatment and how culture can affect intervention in dysfunctional or abusive families.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify child maltreatment problems/issues and develop solutions/analyses.

Communication Skills (Written and Oral)

Students will communicate proficiently orally and in written format.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes for child maltreatment processes and intervention.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will appreciate and reflect upon cultural differences and processes for child maltreatment in different cultures.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. History of child abuse in America
- B. Categories and indicators of child maltreatment
- C. Social psychological effects of child maltreatment
- D. Arkansas mandated reporter training
- E. Culture and the identification of child maltreatment
- F. Family structures and different racial and ethnic groups in the child maltreatment intervention.