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General Syllabus
CRJU 30373 Hate Crimes

Credit Hours: 3 Lecture Horus: 3 Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s) ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition
Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines the causes, manifestations, rates, and consequences of hate crime in the United States and other countries. It covers hate groups and their interactions in society in the areas of recruitment and criminal activity. Includes an overview of hate crime legislation at the federal and state level and the consequences and opposition to hate crime legislation.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Discuss the history of hate crimes in the United States.
2. Examine hate crime legislation in the United States.
3. Evaluate the harm done by hate crimes to society.
4. Assess hate groups' structure and their recruitment methods.
5. Evaluate the impact of hate crime victimization on various racial/ethnic groups, religious groups, and other minority groups.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Analytical Skills

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

Communication Skills (Written and Oral)
Students will communicate proficiently in oral and written formats.

Ethical Decision Making
Students will model ethical decision-making processes.

Global and Cultural Perspectives
Students will appreciate and reflect upon hate crimes and their impact in different cultures.

III. Major Course Topics

A. Hate crimes in the United States.
B. Hate crime victims.
C. Hate crimes, international issues.
D. Hate crime laws.
E. Effect of hate crimes on various racial/ethnic groups, religious groups, and other minority groups.