



## SYLLABUS TEMPLATE

<b>Course Number</b> <b>Course Name</b>	CJ 320 Theories of Crime
<b>Credit Value</b> <b>(Breakdown of theory and lab credits)</b>	3 Theory
<b>Catalog Course Description</b>	This course is designed to acquaint students with the major criminological theories within the fields of criminology and criminal justice. The goal of this course is to provide the student with a comprehensive understanding of the criminological research related to offenders, offending, and the social contexts of crime. In particular, this course will examine biological, psychological, and sociological theories that attempt to predict why people commit crimes. In addition to the social context related to various theories, how each theory proposes to explain crime, this course will address how theory and research translate into real-life action or crime policy. (3, 3T+0S)
<b>Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives /Competencies of the Course</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the major criminological theories within the fields of criminology and criminal justice.</li> <li>2. To develop a comprehensive understanding of the criminological research related to offenders, offending, and the social contexts of crime.</li> <li>3. Compare and contrast biological, psychological, and sociological theories that attempt to predict why people commit crimes.</li> <li>4. Analyze how theory and research translate into real-life action or crime policy</li> </ol>
<b>College-Wide Student Learning Outcomes</b>	<p><i>Alignment of course to program objectives as appropriate.</i></p> <p><b>Communication:</b> <i>Discuss, debate, and interact within the classroom on pertinent texts, research, and issues.</i></p> <p><b>Critical Thought:</b> <i>To understand the construction and change in current theories as they have developed. To understand and appreciate the benefit of theory in current research. To apply theories to analyze case studies of true crimes.</i></p> <p><b>Cultural Competence:</b> <i>To be critical of theory and understand the limitations of any body of research that purports to explain individual behavior en masse.</i></p>