

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title: Street Gangs & Organized Crime

Course #: CJS* 258

Course Description: 3 Semester Hours

Examination of the origin, growth and structure of organized crime, and drug cartels. Organized street gangs, which can be defined as a criminal enterprise, and operate throughout the U. S. will also be explored.

Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Eng*063 and Eng* 073/Eng 093 or satisfactory score on placement test.

Goals: To familiarize students with the various aspects of street gangs and organized crime groups through an examination of the origin, growth and structure of these criminal groups.

Outcomes: Upon completion of this course students should be able to:

- Obtain a working knowledge of street gangs and organized crime
- Understand the concept of criminal enterprise and how it applies to street gangs and organized crime
- Discuss the importance of symbols, graffiti, recruitment and tactics of street gangs and organized crime
- Explain the methods used by law enforcement to control these criminal groups

College Policies

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