

# ENF631 Strategies for Reducing Crime (3 credit hours) Course Syllabus

### **Course Description**

The course provides students with exposure to strategies, methods, and techniques used in Crime Science to tackle crime through manipulation of the opportunity structures. As Crime Science techniques have been applied primarily to curtail property and violent crime, it has also been used to address more complex criminal activity such as terrorism and human trafficking. In this course, students will focus their study on the various modern techniques used to address a wide range of criminal activity.

#### **Course Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course, you will be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the variety of policing strategies.
- 2. Evaluate and apply appropriate principles for community policing.
- 3. Examine and evaluate the various technologies that help law enforcement and the community to reduce crime.
- 4. Interpret the various strategies for attacking specific problems in combating crime.
- 5. Analyze how financial crimes can be reduced.

## **Prerequisites/Corequisites**

None.

## **Required Textbook(s) and Resources**

No textbook purchase is required for this course; however, be sure to review the weekly **Explore** sections for library or web resources. For access to databases, research help, and writing tips, visit the <u>Tiffin University Library</u>.

#### **Time Commitment**

Effective time management is possibly the single most critical element to your academic success. To do well in this online class you should plan your time wisely to maximize your

learning through the completion of readings, discussions, and assignments. Because of our accelerated, seven-week term, TU online courses are designed with the expectation that you dedicate a little over **six (6)** hours per credit hour to course activities and preparation **each week**. For example, for successful completion of a three-credit, seven-week online course you should reserve roughly **twenty (20) hours per week**.

To help plan your time and keep on track toward successful course completion, note the distinctive rhythm of assignment due dates:

- 1. All times assume Eastern Time (GMT-4).
- 2. Weeks begin at 12:00 a.m. ET on Monday and end at 11:55 p.m. ET on Sunday.
- 3. Unless otherwise noted, initial assignments or discussion posts are due by **11:55 p.m. ET** on **Wednesdays**.
- 4. Additional assignments or follow-up discussion posts are due by **11:55 p.m. ET** on **Saturdays, and**
- 5. Major assignments and reflections are typically due by **11:55 p.m. ET** on **Sundays.**

### **Learning Activities**

Students will complete weekly discussions and written assignments. A final paper will consist of an abstract, annotated bibliography assignment and the final paper.

## Grading

The chart below identifies the individual contributions from each type of activity, per week.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Total
Discussions Activity 1.1 (n/a) Activity 1.2 (50)	Discussions Activity 2.1 (50)	Discussions Activity 3.1 (50)	Discussions Activity 4.1 (50)	Discussions Activity 5.1 (50)	Discussions Activity 6.1 (50)		300
Assignments Activity 1.3 (75)	Assignments Activity 2.2 (75) Activity 2.3 (25)	Assignments Activity 3.2 (75)	Assignments Activity 4.2 (75) Activity 4.3: (25)	Assignments Activity 5.2 (75)	Assignments Activity 6.2 (75)	Assignments Activity 7.1 (50) Activity 7.2 (150)	700
		Extra Credit Activity 3.3 (20)		Extra Credit Activity 5.3 (20)		Extra Credit Activity 7.3 (20)	
125	150	125	150	125	125	200	1000

# **Grading Scale**

A: 90-100% | B: 80-89% | C: 70-79% | F: <69%

# **Course Schedule and Weekly Checklist**

Торіс	Learning Activities (Due by 11:55 p.m. ET on day designated)
Start Here	MON: Activity 1.1: Meet Your Peers
Week 1: Community policing	<ul> <li>WED: Activity 1.2: Community Policing – Initial Post</li> <li>SAT: Activity 1.2: Community Policing – Secondary Post</li> <li>SUN: Activity 1.3: Success in Community Policing</li> </ul>

Week 2:	WED: Activity 2.1: Problem-Solving Solutions - Initial Post
Crime reduction	SAT: Activity 2.1: Problem-Solving Solutions - Secondary Posts
Problem solving	SUN: Activity 2.2 The SARA Model
	SUN: Activity 2.3 Final Paper Proposal
	SUN: Activity 2.4 Reflection (Extra Credit)
Week 3:	WED: Activity 3.1: Costs and Benefits - Initial Post
Intelligence-led	SAT: Activity 3.1: Costs and Benefits - Secondary Posts
policing	SUN: Activity 3.2: Intelligence-Led Policing
	SUN: Activity 3.3: Reflection (Extra Credit)
Week 4:	WED: Activity 4.1: Hotspot Policing Effectiveness - Initial Post
Hotspot policing	SAT: Activity 4.1: Hotspot Policing Effectiveness - Secondary Posts
Hotspot analysis	SUN: Activity 4.2: Hotspot Analysis
	SUN: Activity 4.3: Annotated References
	SUN: Activity 4.4: Reflection (Extra Credit)
Week 5:	N/ED: Activity 5.1: Evidence Record Initial Dect
Evidence-based	WED: Activity 5.1: Evidence-Based - Initial Post
policing	<ul> <li>SAT: Activity 5.1: Evidence-Based - Secondary Posts</li> <li>SUN: Activity 5.2: Technology in Law Enforcement</li> </ul>
Law enforcement	
	SUN: Activity 5.3: Reflection (Extra Credit)
Week 6:	WED: Activity 6.1: Financial Crimes - Initial Post
Part 1 crime	SAT: Activity 6.1: Financial Crimes - Secondary Posts
Financial crimes	SUN: Activity 6.2: Organized Crime
	SUN: Activity 6.3: Reflection (Extra Credit)

Week 7:	
Predictive policing	WED: Activity 7.3: Predictive Policing Software
Predictive policing	THU: Activity 7.2: Final Paper
software	SUN: Activity 7.4: Reflection (Extra Credit)

## **Tips for Success**

Successful online learning requires a good deal of self-discipline and self-direction. As seekers of the truth, we should be willing to challenge and review one another's academic work in a spirit of respectful comradery and constructiveness. Your course is a place for you to stretch and grow as you benefit from the expertise, knowledge, experience and diverse perspectives of your instructor and peers. Constructive feedback will challenge you to stretch your own thinking, thereby expanding your knowledge, understanding and application.

To get the most out of your learning experience, you should actively engage (participate) in **ALL** course activities. Course elements are arranged chronologically. To complete a week, simply work your way "down the page" through all of the course materials and activities.

#### For More Information:

Be sure to review the <u>Support, Policies, and Procedures</u> addendum.