

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## CJ 306: Gangs

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

This course examines historical and contemporary perspectives of gangs in the United States, and briefly explore international gang activity. MnTC Goal 5.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 03/04/2013 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Controversial public policies and practices regarding gangs and gang members
2. Historical perspective of gang development in modern societies
3. Definitions and measurements of gangs, gang members, and gang participation
4. Social scientific research and theories regarding gangs and gang members

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Analyze media portrayals of gang activity in relationship to academic research/data regarding gangs.
2. Critique current public policies related to gang activity (i.e. gang databases and incarceration).
3. Understand how the social institutions of the family, economy, polity and education influence gang participation.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 05 - Hist/Soc/Behav Sci

1. Employ the methods and data that historians and social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
2. Examine social institutions and processes across a range of historical periods and cultures.
3. Use and critique alternative explanatory systems or theories.
4. Develop and communicate alternative explanations or solutions for contemporary social issues.

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted