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Number: CRIJ 5337

Title: Crime and Criminal Justice after Disasters

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Description:

This course will explore the occurrence of crime in the wake of both natural disasters and the criminal justice response to post-disaster crime. It will challenge students to define disaster, to appreciate the methodological difficulties of measuring crime in the wake of disasters, to determine the utility of various theories of crime in explaining post-disaster crime and to understand how the criminal justice response to crime in the wake of disasters is similar to and different from the criminal justice response in non-disaster conditions. This course will be useful for both criminal justice students and practitioners.

Planned text: *Crime and Criminal Justice in Disaster*, 2nd ed., Harper and Frailing, eds., Carolina Academic Press, 2012.

Prerequisites: Criminology (graduate level)

Justification:

This course provides a unique introduction to a burgeoning area of criminology, namely, crime in the wake of disasters. This course will give students an opportunity to think critically about how disaster is defined, about how crime is defined in the wake of disasters, about how useful theories of crime are in explaining post disaster crime, about how difficult it can be to get an accurate measure of post disaster crime and about the criminal justice response to crime in the wake of disasters can be planned and improved.

Course Student Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, the student should be able to demonstrate in writing:

1. Define disasters and the different types and phases of disasters
2. Analyze how crime is defined in the wake of disasters, as well as the utility of different theories of crime in explaining post disaster crime
3. Identify difficulties in measuring crime in the wake of disasters
4. Discuss the criminal justice and other systems response to post disaster crime and how it can be planned and improved

Response Required: New course will be part of major ___ minor ___ as a required ___ or elective X__ course

Response Required: New course will introduce x___, reinforce ____, or apply ___ concepts

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