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CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: Arts & sciences _PASR/Criminal Justice_**Course:** Add: X Delete: Change:

Number: CRIJ 4338

Title: Crime and Criminal Justice in Disaster

SCH: _3_**Description:**

The sudden disruption of the normal flow of human activity in the form of disaster gives rise to both prosocial and antisocial behavior. This course focuses on the latter and investigates the crime that occurs in the wake of disasters. This course explores the pre-disaster conditions that may give rise to crime, the extent and type of crime that occurs in the wake of disasters, the special challenges of measuring crime during and after a disaster, effective and ineffective responses to disaster crime, both domestically and internationally, and lastly, lingering questions for a criminology of disaster.

Required text:

Harper, Dee Wood and Kelly Frailing (Eds.). (2012). *Crime and criminal justice in disaster, 2nd edition*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press. ISBN: 9781611630268

Prerequisites:

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Justification:

This course will provide students with a unique introduction to the crime that occurs in the wake of disasters. It will challenge students to think critically about the conditions that facilitate various types of post-disaster crime and aid students in understanding the difficulty of conceptualizing and measuring crime in the wake of a disaster. This course exposes students to the reality of post-disaster criminogenic behavior and how both domestic and international law enforcement, security and other agencies can both better respond to and attempt to prevent this crime. Importantly, this course adds to a growing list of advanced electives available to undergraduate criminal justice (and other) majors.

Course Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, it is expected that each student will be able to:

1. Describe the crime that occurs in the wake of disasters
2. Explain the methods criminologists use to determine the extent of post-disaster crime
3. Describe and evaluate criminal justice and other agencies' response to disaster crime
4. Describe and analyze the lingering questions for a criminology of disaster

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