

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:

- Demonstrate a working knowledge of street gangs and organized crime
- Explain 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