WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NUMBER: MAJ 6601

COURSE TITLE: TYPOLOGIES OF CRIME

III. RATIONALE:

The Typologies of Crime is the collection of field studies of the crime and the criminals derived from a long tradition of field research in criminology. There is a rich history in the discipline of criminology in which research and practical experience reflect the new directions the field is taking. The typologies of crime convey the continuing vitality and importance of an ever changing society in which we live.

IV. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A: Students will develop an appreciation for independence and personal motivation in the study of a selected topic.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
A-1 Review issues concerning the development of theories of criminality and crime.
A-2 Review the relationship of how a criminal makes decisions and chooses his criminal lifestyle.
A-3 Examine the definitions, correlations and theories of crime.
A-4 Review the component parts and studies of crime types.
A-5 Work independently to either develop a typology or critique an existing typology of a crime type.

GOAL B: Student will develop an appreciation and understanding of the close relationships between the victim, the crime and the criminal.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:
B-1 Review the relationships between the crime and the criminal.
B-2 Examine how the crime or the background of the criminal may influence the development of the defining of the typology of that crime.
B-3 Examine the sources of crime data, to include the uniform crime report, local police data, national victim crime surveys and offender interviews.
B-4 Review major dimensions underlying the crime types, to include the offender-based and victim-based typologies.
B-5 Examine the current approach to the theories of crime, its extent and nature and how it encompasses both the victim and the offender.
GOAL C: Students will become aware of the typologies of crimes and the responses to those crimes within the criminal justice system.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

C-1 Review the types of crimes to include; property crime, violent crime, occupational crime, drugs, gang crimes and illegal occupations.
C-2 Become familiar with the typologies of each crime from the offender profile to the victim profile.
C-3 Gain an understanding how the balance of fear of the crime and the preservation of individual liberty is responded to by the criminal justice system.
C-4 Examine how the crime typology may change over time as a result of the aging criminal.

GOAL D: Students will develop advanced analytical, research and written communication skills.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

D-1 Utilize professional writing skills to analyze and cite appropriate sources (e.g. APA format) to express and convey empirical research.
D-2 Prepare and submit essays with a focus on analysis, outlines and summaries.
D-3 Prepare and submit a critique of an approved crime typology.
D-4 Prepare a crime typology on an approved crime topic.