

# ***COCONINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE***

## ***COURSE OUTLINE***

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Status: Permanent

A. Identification:

1. Subject Area: Administration of Justice
2. Course Number: AJS 215
3. Course Title: CRIME, JUSTICE, AND THE MEDIA
4. Credit Hrs: 3
5. Catalog Description:

Examines the perceptions of the realities of crime and justice, and how these perceptions influence the media. Also studied are the effects of how the media influences the public's perception of crime and the criminal justice system. Three lecture.

B. Course Goals:

This course will provide an illustration of the ways in which the media, such as television, movies, newspapers, magazines, the internet, videogames, radio, cds, and books help to shape and influence our perceptions of the realities of crime, justice, and the criminal justice system. This course will enable students to discern between reality and perception, as it relates to the media and criminal justice.

C. Course Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Identify, describe, and discuss the representations of crime and criminal justice, as they are constructed in the media.
2. Discuss various theoretical frameworks of crime and criminal justice images in the media.
3. Describe, discuss and illustrate the effect of media on crime, criminal justice, and related issues.
4. Describe and discuss how media images and messages affect our beliefs, actions, and policies.

D. Course Content:

Will include:

1. Introduction to the social construction of reality by the media
2. Controlling behavior using the media
3. The media and diversity
4. The media and gender
5. Perceptions of criminals
6. Perceptions of criminal justice personnel
7. Criminal justice effectiveness
8. The media and violence
9. The media and terrorism
10. Society and music
11. Changing society with film
12. Using media technology in the criminal justice system
13. Ethics and the media