

# **SOC 231 : Introduction to Juvenile Delinquency**

This course focuses on juvenile delinquency in the U.S. and examines the nature of and trends in juvenile delinquency, explanations for and theories of juvenile delinquency, and institutional responses to and treatment of juvenile delinquency in the U.S. juvenile justice system.

**Credits** 3

**Lecture Hours** 3

**Designation**

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**Course Outcomes**

- Apply sociological theories of juvenile delinquency to contemporary cases.
- Explain the multiple causes of juvenile delinquency.
- Describe the differences in male and female offenders.
- Describe how social institutions prevent and/or contribute to juvenile delinquency.