

Hagerstown Community College

MASTER SYLLABUS

COURSE: ADJ 210: Gangs and Law Enforcement, 3 credits **DATE:** SP18

INSTRUCTOR: Meredith Dominick, M.A.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a critical examination of the history and development of gangs, including criminal justice system responses to gangs and gang-related behaviors. The course will examine the relationship between gangs and other groups of offenders. In addition, the course will examine the role of gangs in criminal behavior as well as the use of traditional theories of crime in the explanation of gang behavior.

TEXTBOOKS:

Sanders, Bill. 2016. *Gangs: An Introduction, 1st ed.* New York Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199948598

Lauger, Timothy R. 2012. *Real Gangstas, 1st Ed.* Rutgers University Press. ISBN: 9780813553740

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. Identify the characteristics of gangs and gang members.
2. Understand the role of gangs in crime, particularly violence.
3. Understand the differences between gangs and other groups involved in crime.
4. Articulate the differences and similarities among gang members in an international context.
5. Identify major law enforcement strategies for gang suppression, intervention and prevention.
6. Understand the role of women in gangs.

MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE:

Online Course

	Student Work Out of Classroom 75 h required
Reading and viewing online "lecture" materials	45 h
Course forums	15 h
Assignments/Activities	22.5 h
Exam prep/taking, paper/essay, research and writing	30 h
Total Hours	112.5 h

Services for Students with Disabilities: Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at dss@hagerstowncc.edu or at 240-500-2530.