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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

**SOC 303: Sociology of Crime and Delinquency**

Nature and extent of crime and delinquency; Theoretical explanation of crime and delinquency; Crime causation; Reaction to crime and measurement of crime; Traditional control of deviancy in Africa societies; its application in the contemporary administration of justice. Criminal behavior in Nigeria and its relation to personal and cultural conditions.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon successfully completion of this course, students should be able to:

- i. Define the concept of crime and delinquency.
- ii. Explain the sources of crime (why people commit crime).
- iii. Distinguish between crime and delinquency
- iv. Evaluate the community reaction to crime.
- v. Discuss the extent and nature of delinquency.
- vi. Examine key theories, in the quest to crime and delinquency e.g opportunity/crime triangle, differential association, psychoanalysis, labeling theory, etc.
- vii. Outline the punishment, correction and rehabilitation of criminals.

## **SOC 303: COURSE STRUCTURE**

1. The concept of Sociology, Crime and Delinquency: Definition of Crime, Delinquency, Different perspectives of delinquency, Adolescence, peer and delinquency, Family and delinquency, drug, youth and delinquency and family court (Juvenile court).
2. Drug, Youth and Delinquency and Crime: The measurement of crime and impact; Sources of learning to commit crime; Community reaction to crime; understanding deviance.
3. Theoretical perspective of Sociology of Crime and Delinquency: Crime triangle/Opportunity theory, Differential Association theory, Psychoanalysis theory, Conflict theory, Functionalist view: Anomie theory, Interactionist perspective: Labeling theory.
4. Legal definitions of crime (Law, Crime and Delinquency): Meaning of Criminal Law; Nigerian Criminal Code/Penal Code; Criminal Justice Administration; Punishment, Correction and Rehabilitation

### **References/Further reading**

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