

PROBLEM ANALYSIS

Problem Analysis is a 12 – week online course where students will learn to examine long-term problems and how to recommend effective strategies to combat crime and disorder issues within their jurisdiction by applying criminology theory and research methods. The course focuses on the operational application of problem-oriented policing, including environmental criminology and situational crime prevention, through thoughtful directed discussions with colleagues. Utilizing the “Crime Analysis for Problem Solvers in 60 Small Steps” this course will help outline how analysts can contribute to proactively solving crime and disorder problems in their jurisdictions.

Students successfully completing this pass/fail class will develop and/or enhance their skills toolbox. Though this class is not self-paced, students in the class do not meet live at any given time. Rather, assignments, discussion questions/board, a self-grading quiz, PowerPoints, lecture notes, etc. are provided each week covering a given chapter. Students then have a full week to read the weekly course materials, respond on the discussion board, take the quiz, review other materials, links and articles provided, and to submit a weekly assignment.

Students should expect a time commitment of 3-5 hours per week to gain a pass grade.

Course Outline

Week One

- What is POP/problem analysis

Week Two

- Environmental criminology

Week Three

- Scanning a problem

Week Four

- Analyzing a problem, part 1

Week Five

- Analyzing a problem, part 2

Week Six

- Analyzing a problem, part 3

Week Seven

- Responding to a problem

Week Eight

- Problem assessment

Week Nine

- Presenting the problem

Week Ten

- Operationalizing problem analysis

Week Eleven

- Capstone Project

Week Twelve

- Capstone Project