A. **Identification:**
1. **Subject Area:** Administration of Justice
2. **Course Number:** AJS 141
3. **Course Title:** GANG BEHAVIOR AND STREET VIOLENCE
4. **Credit Hrs:** 3
5. **Catalog Description:** Development of gangs, how society promotes them, and how they are self-sustaining through street violence. Includes a detailed look at victim's rights and the history of vigilantes in America. Three lecture.

B. **Course Goals:**
This course gives an interdisciplinary approach to the study of adolescent group behavior, aggression, social boundaries, and support systems. It looks at the history of violence in our culture and covers adolescent development, peer pressure, aggression, how gangs develop, how society promotes them and how they are self-sustaining through street violence.

C. **Course Outcomes:**
The students will demonstrate by their scores on the written examinations and class participation, thorough knowledge of the following:
1. Adolescent development
2. Peer pressure
3. Aggression
4. How gangs develop
5. Street violence
6. History of vigilantism in America

D. **Course Content:**
Will include:
1. Adolescent development
2. Group behavior and dynamics
3. The good and bad of groups
4. Peer pressure
5. Factors that influence human aggression
6. Conformity and compliance
7. How gangs develop
8. Codes and signs
9. Street violence
10. History of vigilantism

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