# Learning Objectives

## Chapter 18

After reading this chapter, students should be able to:

1. Identify the important direct causes of individual delinquency and describe how these causes group into four clusters.
2. Describe the effects of each cluster on delinquency, as well as on other clusters.
3. Describe how biological and social environmental factors affect the four clusters.
4. Use the general theory to explain patterns of offending over the life course.
5. Use the general theory to explain gender differences in delinquency.