Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

CRJ 154 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Course Information

Division	Humanities/Social Sciences
Contact Hours	45
Total Credits	3

Prerequisites
RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests.

Course Description
This course addresses the basic elements of our legal system, the nature of crime and criminal responsibility, the criminal justice system and the role of professionals in the criminal justice system.

This course is a required core course for students pursuing an AAS in Criminal Justice.

Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:
Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

  A.   Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
  B.   Evaluate criminal law and law enforcement procedures.
  C.   Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
  D.   Discuss constitutional due process protections applied to the criminal justice system.
  E.   Develop leadership and professionalism.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

  1.   Articulate terminology relating to the criminal justice system.
      Applies to Program Outcomes
        A.   Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
        C.   Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

  2.   Identify objectives of punishment.
      Applies to Program Outcome
        A.   Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.

  3.   Identify and recognize the criminal justice process step by step.
      Applies to Program Outcome
        D.   Discuss the constitutional due process protections and how they are enforced within the criminal justice system.

4. Recognize the laws of arrest and search and seizure.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    B. Evaluate criminal law and law enforcement procedures.
    D. Discuss the constitutional due process protections and how they are enforced within the criminal justice system.

5. Identify the constitutional rights afforded to criminal defendants and suspects.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.

6. Identify major court cases interpreting the constitutional provisions of the accused.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    D. Discuss the constitutional due process protections and how they are enforced within the criminal justice system.

7. Demonstrate the ability to analyze the interests that society expects the law to secure.
    Applies to Program Outcome
    C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
    D. Discuss the constitutional due process protections and how they are enforced within the criminal justice system.

8. Demonstrate the various objectives and justification for criminal punishments.
    Applies to Program Outcome
    D. Discuss the constitutional due process protections applied to the criminal justice system.

9. Discuss and explain the criminal justice process and system.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

10. Explain the criminal trial process, including verdict, and evaluate the sentencing procedure.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
    C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

11. Describe the juvenile justice process.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
    C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

12. Appreciate challenges of the legal system.
    Applies to Program Outcomes
    A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
    E. Develop leadership and professionalism.