Course Information

- **Division**: Humanities/Social Sciences
- **Contact Hours**: 45
- **Total Credits**: 3

Prerequisites
RDG 090, ENGL 090, or qualifying scores on ACT or COMPASS tests

Course Description
This course is designed to provide a foundation for criminal law in the United States, providing definitions of crimes, their elements, penalties and defenses. The essential skill emphasized in the course is critical thinking.

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. Identify the elements of crimes, homicide, sex offenses and property crimes.  
   **Applies to Program Outcomes**
   - B. Evaluate criminal law and law enforcement procedures.
   - D. Discuss constitutional due process protections and how they are enforced within the criminal justice system.

2. Identify the members of the court work group and their duties.  
   **Applies to Program Outcome**
   - A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
3. Explain the procedural safeguards afforded to criminal defendants during the Criminal Justice process. 
   **Applies to Program Outcome**
   D. Discuss the constitutional due process protections and how they are enforced within the criminal justice system.

4. Understand the foundations of criminal law.  
   **Applies to Program Outcomes**
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
   
5. Select and assess the appropriate criminal charge using factual basis.  
   **Applies to Program Outcomes**
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
   B. Evaluate criminal law and law enforcement procedures.

6. Select and assess the appropriate criminal defense given a factual basis.  
   **Applies to Program Outcomes**
   A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
   B. Develop leadership and professionalism.

7. Describe the criminal trial process including pretrial procedures, trial and post-conviction relief.  
   **Applies to Program Outcome**
   C. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.

8. Analyze procedural aspects of criminal prosecution, search and seizure, arrest and interrogation.  
   **Applies to Program Outcome**
   D. Discuss the constitutional due process protections applied to the criminal justice system.

9. Appreciate the complexity of the criminal justice 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.

10. Appreciate the complexity of the criminal court 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.

11. Appreciate the complexity of the court workgroup  
    **Applies to Program Outcomes**
    A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and process of the criminal justice system.
    E. Develop leadership and professionalism.