

Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

CRJ 151 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Course Information	
Division	Humanities/Social Sciences
Course Number	CRJ 151
Contact Hours	45
Total Credits	3

Prerequisites

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

Course Description

The course looks at the entire criminal justice system. It includes foundation concepts like justice, law, and victimization along with an explanation of crime statistics with their use and source. It then progresses through the main divisions of the system; Law Enforcement, the Courts, and Corrections. It shows the structure, problems and role of policing in modern society. Then it breaks down the court system and its overall function. Finally, it discusses the corrections system not only as a punitive measure, but the other roles in the 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 processes of the Criminal Justice System.
- B. Develop problem-solving skills in a variety of situations that utilize critical thinking and situational analysis.
- C. Explain both substantive and procedural criminal law, criminological concepts and the study of crime and victimology.
- D. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
- E. Discuss Constitutional protections applied to the criminal justice system.
- F. Promote professionalism through the use of ethics and diversity in course offerings.

Course Outcomes

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

- 1. Identify and discuss the steps and components, both personnel and agencies, of the Criminal Justice System. -Applies to program outcomes A, C, E
- 2. Explain the interests that society expects the Criminal Justice System to protect.



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-Applies to program outcomes A, B

- 3. Explain the relationship between the law, crime, and the Criminal Justice System including the pathway through the system.
 - Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E
- 4. Explain the purpose and relationship between the three components of the criminal justice system: Law enforcement, Courts, and Corrections.

-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F

- 5. Discuss the practical and ethical problems in the Criminal Justice System.
 - Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,