

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

**CRMJ – 101-INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL
JUSTICE**

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ – 101, Introduction to Criminal Justice
- B. New or Modified Course: Modified
- C. Date of Proposal: Semester: Spring Year: 2023
- D. **Effective Term:** Fall 2023
- E. Sponsoring Department: Business and Public Service
- F. Semester Credit Hours: 3.0
- G. Weekly Contact Hours: Lecture: 3.0
Laboratory: 0
Out of class student work per week: 6.0 hours
- H. ☐ Prerequisite (s) None
☐ Corequisite (s): None
☐ Prerequisite (s) and Corequisite (s): None
- I. Laboratory Fees: None
- J. Name and Telephone Number or E-Mail Address of Department Chair and Divisional Dean at time of approval: Tracy Rimple, tracy.rimple@raritanval.edu
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II. Catalog Description

This course surveys the criminal justice system's adjudication process through an examination of the police, courts, and corrections components. Explores in-depth the mechanics of the criminal justice system and its inherent problems. Current efforts to improve the administration of justice are also reviewed.

III. Statement of Course Need

- A. This course is a foundation course for the Associate of Science degree in the Criminal Justice Program and is a prelude to additional courses that deal with specific concerns of the Criminal Justice System.
- B. This course does not have a lab component
- C. This course generally transfers as a Criminal Justice program elective or free elective.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

- A. Free elective
- B. This course meets a program requirement for Criminal Justice AS degree.
- C. To see transferability: a) for New Jersey schools, go to the NJ Transfer website, www.njtransfer.org; b) for all other colleges and universities, go to the individual websites.

V. Outline of Course Content

- A. Crime in America
- B. Policing
- C. Adjudication
- D. Corrections
- E. The Juvenile Justice System

VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Communicate in writing and/or speech material that reflects an understanding of issues related to the administration of justice. (GE- 1)
- 2. Identify how social and political factors affect the process and outcomes of the criminal justice system. (GE-5)

B. Assessment Instruments

The following instruments may be used to assess the student learning outcomes referenced above:

- 1. Objective tests and quizzes
- 2. Essays
- 3. Research Papers
- 4. Written assignments

VII. Grade Determinants

The factors that may enter into the determination of the final grade include:

- A. Objective tests and quizzes
- B. Research Papers
- C. Class Presentations
- D. Class Discussions

Modes of teaching and learning used in the course:

- A. lecture/discussion
- B. small-group work
- C. computer-assisted instruction
- D. guest speakers
- E. student oral presentations

VIII. Texts and Materials

Open Educational Resource. Textbook provided through this method

(Please Note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC Bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

IX. Resources

N/A

X. Honors Options

N/A