

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

CRMJ-201 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ-201 Criminal Justice Cooperative Education
- 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:
Laboratory:
Out of class student work per week: 150 hours
- H. Prerequisites/Corequisites: Introduction to Criminal Justice, CRMJ-101,
Coordinator's approval
- 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 Dean Patrice Marks, Patrice.marks@raritanval.edu
- K. Name/Email of Coordinator at time of approval: Brian Donnelly, brian.donnelly@raritanval.edu

II. Catalog Description

Prerequisite: CRMJ-101, Introduction to Criminal Justice. This course is an introductory work program in a component of the criminal justice system that provides an experiential learning opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in public service

occupations. Students will be exposed to the roles of various criminal justice practitioners at Federal, State, County and Local agencies and appropriate private sector entities. Students will be encouraged to observe and critically analyze the day-to-day operations of a criminal justice agency and apply theoretical concepts learned in the classroom to the work environment.

III. Statement of Course Need

- A.** Cooperative education opportunities are an integral part of the experiential learning process for students seeking careers in the criminal justice system. This course will afford the student an opportunity to connect the academic material with day-to-day operations of a criminal justice agency. Through observation and participation, students are better informed to decide on career choices.
- B.** No lab component. This course consists of 150 hours at a selected worksite in the criminal justice system
- C.** This course generally transfers as a Criminal Justice course or as an elective

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

- A.** Free Elective
- B.** This course meets a program elective for the Criminal Justice AS degree
- C.** To see course 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.** Meet with Criminal Justice Agency Representative
- B.** Observe the Criminal Justice Agency
- C.** Interact with the Criminal Justice Agency
- D.** Keep a Weekly Journal
- E.** Meet With Criminal Justice Coordinator

VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Produce written work that reflects critical analysis of their experience, observation, and participation at their agency. (GE-NJ 1)
2. Develop the ability to communicate clearly and logically, using both verbal and writing skills, with members of the criminal justice agencies and the clients they serve. (GE-NJ 1)

C. Assessment Instruments

- A. Student's weekly journal
- B. Research paper
- C. Participation with the agency
- D. Written assignments

VII. Grade Determinants

- A. Agency Supervisor's Evaluation
- B. Journal Evaluation
- C. Final Reflection Paper

Modes of teaching and learning used in this course:

- A. Discussion with agency
- B. Independent study
- C. Scenarios
- D. On-the-job training with criminal justice agency
- E. Regular communication and collaboration with criminal justice coordinator.

VIII. Texts and Materials

Required Text: No text or materials are required

(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