

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

CRMJ-260 SEMINAR IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ-260 Seminar in Law Enforcement
- 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 hours
Laboratory: None
Out of class student work per week: 6 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 Dean Patrice Marks, Patrice.marks@raritanval.edu

II. Catalog Description

This course will explore many complex issues in law enforcement depending on the semester. The topic covered will change and be announced before students register for the course so they know the topic for that semester. Previous topics covered have been police use of force, serial killings and false confessions.

III. Statement of Course Need

- A. This course is part of a comprehensive curriculum that seeks to analyze trending and current topics in law enforcement.
- B. No lab component.
- 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. Crime Trends in Society
- B. Police Use of Force
- C. Biology and Psychology in Serial Murder

VI. A. Course Learning Outcomes:

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

- 1. Communicate in writing and/or orally demonstrating an understanding of issues related to the current issues in law enforcement. (GE- 1)
- 2. Explain how social and political factors effect current issues in law enforcement. (GE- 5)

C. Assessment Instruments

- 1. Examination/Quizzes
- 2. Research papers
- 3. Written assignments

VII. Grade Determinants

- A. Examinations/Quizzes
- B. Written Assignments
- C. Class Participation
- D. Service Learning Option

Modes of teaching and learning used in this course:

- A. Lecture/discussion
- B. Student written presentation
- C. Guest Speakers

VIII. Texts and Materials

Required Text: Textbook will be determined by the topic to be covered in the semester.

(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