

Common Course Outline
CRJU 172
Criminal Justice Internship I
2 semester hours
The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

CRJU 172 – 2 credits - Internship I broadens educational experience in Criminal Justice and provides the opportunity to work in appropriate government and/or private agencies while completing written assignments. Students are expected to spend a minimum of 50 hours working at a job placement and 25 hours completing written assignments related to the experience.

Prerequisites: CRJU 101, 110, 120 and minimum curriculum GPA of 2.0 in at least 12 credits earned in Criminal Justice courses, or consent of instructor.

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. identify the function(s) of the agency where the internship is completed;
2. relate the role of that agency to the other components of the Criminal Justice System;
3. recall the duties of the various professional personnel working for the assigned agency;
4. discuss the individuals and agencies that interact with that agency;
5. describe ways in which the agency serves the community and enhances public safety;
6. specify ways in which they provided specific services to that agency;
7. demonstrate the rules of confidentiality that apply to all facets of the criminal justice system; and
8. create a summary of their learning experience, including specific examples of learning.

Major Topics

- I. Cooperative learning experience
 - A. Exposure to work environment in Criminal Justice field
 - B. Communication with outside agencies such as law enforcement, courts, victims programs, corrections professionals
 - C. Summary of agency's contribution to and support of the overall mission of the Criminal Justice System
- II. Collaboration
 - A. Other interns
 - B. Instructor
 - C. Site supervisor
- III. Workforce preparation

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the instructor and based upon the written assignments and the evaluation received from the site supervisor. The supervisor will be contacted for a summary of the student's contribution to the assigned agency.

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments but will require at least one of the following:

- Daily/weekly log of activities and experiences
- Evaluation paper that reflects upon experience and contribution to degree in this program

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice core course. It requires a commitment of a minimum of 75 hours that is divided between work at an assigned agency and complementary assignments. The agency is related to one of the components of the Criminal Justice System. Students are encouraged to make a meaningful contribution to the agency and to participate in a variety of duties under the supervision of an on-site staff person.

The Internship provides the Criminal Justice student with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to an actual work setting. The student develops their own learning objectives at the beginning of the internship and achieves them in conjunction with their supervisor. Mastery of these objectives is evaluated by practical application of skills during the Internship process and reflected in a written summary.