

Common Course Outline
CRJU 172
Criminal Justice Internship I
2 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

CRJU 172 – 2 Credits – Criminal Justice Internship I provides students with an opportunity to apply classroom learning to the work environment. It also assists students in identifying potential employment opportunities in the criminal justice field and provides critical skills necessary to acquire a job in this area. This course requires fifty (50) hours of work within an approved criminal justice agency.

2 Credit Hours

Prerequisites: CRJU 101, CRJU 110, CRJU 122 and CRJU 250 with a minimum overall GPA of 2.0 or the approval of the program coordinator

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. explain the functions of the agency as it relates to criminal justice;
2. compare the role of the agency to other components of the criminal justice system;
3. describe the duties of the various professional personnel in the agency;
4. analyze the various agencies that interact with the internship agency;
5. evaluate how the agency serves the community and enhances public safety;
6. identify specific learning objectives developed in conjunction with the agency supervisor;
7. describe the contributions that the intern has made to the agency;
8. summarize personal reflections in working with the agency; and
9. explain the importance of ethical behavior in the criminal justice profession.

Major Topics

- I. Cooperative Learning Environment
 - A. Structure of agency
 - B. Organizational responsibilities
 - C. Personnel responsibilities
 - D. Interaction with other agencies
 - E. Role in criminal justice system

- II. Collaboration in Employment Setting
 - A. Coordination with course instructor
 - B. Coordination with site supervisor
 - C.

- III. Development of Employment Skills
 - A. Verbal communication skills
 - B. Non-verbal communication skills
 - D. Time management skills
 - E. Focus on task assignment
 - F. Ethical and professional behavior

Course Requirements

Students are required to utilize appropriate academic resources.

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the instructor and will include an assessment of the various form submissions required to be completed by the student. There are no required examinations or tests in this course.

Writing: Students will be required to complete the following written assignments:

- Four (4) page reflection paper based on the internship experience detailing how the experience influenced their understanding of the criminal justice system in addition to the functions of the agency in our society. This paper will include a daily log of activities and experiences.
- Five (5) page paper on *Ethics in Criminal Justice*, the specific instructions will be provided by the instructor.

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice Studies core course.