

Common Course Outline

CRJU 201

Criminal Justice Seminar

3 Credits

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

CRJU 201 – 3 credits - Criminal Justice Seminar offers comprehensive group analysis of selected criminal justice topics. It introduces students to a wide range of specialized topics within the criminal justice system.

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Prerequisites: CRJU 101

Overall Course Objectives

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

1. discuss relevant issues using contemporary literature;
2. lead discussions in class pertaining to the specialized topic(s);
3. conduct original research and exchange results through reports and discussion;
4. relate material learned in previous classes to contemporary issues in the field of Criminal Justice; and
5. participate in class discussion under the leadership of other students.

Major Topics

This course is not structured in a traditional format. The areas of study will vary each semester depending on contemporary issues. Suggested topics for research and discussion are:

- I. Substance abuse and crime
- II. Family violence
- III. Capital punishment
- IV. Juvenile delinquency
- V. Corrections – institutional and community
- VI. Police brutality
- VII. Sentencing reform
- VIII. Diversity in the criminal justice system
- IX. Organized crime and gangs
- X. White collar crime
- XI. Gun control
- XII. Victims of crime

Course Requirements

Students are required to utilize academically appropriate sources.

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. At least 2 testing instruments including examinations and/or tests; specific number to be determined by the instructor;
2. Written assignments: The individual faculty member will determine specific number of written assignments; minimum of one such assignment such as:
 - Summaries of current events and their relation to course material;
 - Research project (topics may include any subject related to the course)

Other Course Information

This course is a Criminal Justice Studies elective.

