



Law & Justice Division  
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## **CJ 111 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice**

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

### **Catalog Description**

*Prerequisite: EN 060*

This course is a review and analysis of important Supreme Court decisions involving contemporary practices of law enforcement agencies and the conduct of criminal court procedures. Emphasis is on the Supreme Court's impact on such critical issues as search and seizure, confessions, wire-tapping and admissibility of evidence at trial.

### **Textbook and Course Materials**

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at [ccnj.bncollege.com](http://ccnj.bncollege.com).

### **Evaluation Assessment**

#### **Online Proctoring**

All courses offered at RCSJ, whether they are web-enhanced, hybrid, or fully online, may include assessments that make use of Online Proctoring. To find out more about Online Proctoring, and to learn about the minimum technical requirements, visit [rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring](http://rcsj.edu/elearning/online-proctoring).

#### **Grading Distribution**

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Exams
- Oral Presentations
- Attendance and Participation

#### **Grading**

A = 96%-100%	B- = 83%-85%	D = 67%-70%
A- = 93%-95%	C+ = 80%-82%	D- = 64%-66%
B+ = 90%-92%	C = 77%-79%	F = Below 64%
B = 86%-89%	C- = 74%-76%	
	D+ = 71%-73%	

## Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

### CJ 111 Core Competencies

This course focuses on one (1) of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written and Oral Communication

### Student Learning Outcomes Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice

Successful completion of CJ 211 will help students	RCSJ's Core Competencies	Evaluation / Assessment
Appreciate the value and necessity of regular class attendance and the completion of preparatory assignments on a consistent basis, including preparing for class lectures and emphasizing individual student responsibility	Written and Oral Communication	Instructor recording class participation and attendance during each class
Identify and interpret the constitutional principles that apply to various criminal investigations and criminal settings	Written and Oral Communication	Written exams Oral presentations
Appreciate the historical significance of constitutional interpretation relating to criminal substantive offenses and criminal procedure and the effect societal changes have had on constitutional interpretation	Written and Oral Communication	Written Exams
Distinguish relevant and irrelevant facts when presented with a factual scenario, identify constitutional issues which will influence a criminal investigation related to the factual scenario, and demonstrate comprehension of constitutional interpretation and the impact upon the factual scenario	Written and Oral Communication	Written Exams Oral Presentations
Evaluate and balance the privacy rights of citizens as they apply to criminal investigations	Written and Oral Communication	Written Exams Oral Presentations
Evaluate and determine whether the actions of law enforcement violate the constitutional rights of an individual relating to issues of consent and if an individual voluntarily waived these rights	Written and Oral Communication	Written Exams Oral Presentations
Interpret how future criminal investigations will be modified by constitutional interpretation and predict law enforcement that in the future will be constitutionally permissible and conduct that will not be constitutional	Written and Oral Communication	Written Exams Oral Presentations

## **Topical Outline**

Foundation for Understanding Criminal Law  
Guarantees of the Constitution to Citizens-Civil Rights & Civil Liberties  
Constitutional Amendments Influencing the Criminal Justice System  
Stop and Frisk  
Seizures  
Roadblocks  
Lineups/Pre-Trial Identification Procedures  
Miranda Vs. Arizona  
History of the Constitution  
Bill of Rights  
Introduction to the Supreme Court  
Police Citizen Encounters  
Law of Arrest  
Warrantless Searches  
Special Searches  
Right to Counsel  
Self-Incrimination/Miranda Rights  
Identification & Confessions  
Confrontation & Hearsay

### **Affirmative Action Statement**

The Board of Trustees is committed to providing a work and academic environment that maintains and promotes affirmative action and equal opportunity for all employees and students without discrimination on the basis of certain enumerated and protected categories. These categories are race, creed (religion), color, national origin, nationality, ancestry, age, sex (including pregnancy and sexual harassment), marital status, domestic partnership or civil union status, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, or mental or physical disability, including AIDS and HIV related illnesses.

For questions concerning discrimination, contact Almarie J. Jones, Special Assistant to the President, Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance, 856-415-2154 or [ajones@rcsj.edu](mailto:ajones@rcsj.edu) or (Cumberland) Nathaniel Alridge, Jr., JD, Director, Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Judicial Affairs, 856-691-8600, ext. 1414 or [nalridge@rcsj.edu](mailto:nalridge@rcsj.edu). For disability issues or any barriers in the learning or physical environment related to a document condition/disability please contact: Gloucester campus – Carol Weinhardt, Director, Department of Special Services, ADA/504 Officer at 856-415-2247 or [cweinhar@rcsj.edu](mailto:cweinhar@rcsj.edu); or Cumberland Campus – Meredith Vicente, Senior Director, Department of Special Services/Project Assist at 856-200-4688 or [mvicent1@rcsj.edu](mailto:mvicent1@rcsj.edu)

### **Department of Special Services**

The Department of Special Services is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal access to eligible students with documented conditions/disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments Act (ADAAA).

#### **(Gloucester Campus Location and Contact)**

Location: Instructional Center, room 425A.

Primary Contact: Director, Carol Weinhardt, (email) [cweinhar@rcsj.edu](mailto:cweinhar@rcsj.edu); or (phone) 856-415-2247.

#### **(Cumberland Campus Location and Contact)**

Location: Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS)

Primary Contact: Senior Director, Meredith Vicente, (email) [mvicent1@rcsj.edu](mailto:mvicent1@rcsj.edu); or (phone) 856-200-4688.

**Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault Resource Referrals (8/2021)**  
**Cumberland Campus**

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Employees must report crimes that pose an immediate threat to the campus Security Office, the local Police Department or the Sheriff's Office.

<b>Service</b>	<b>Resource</b>	<b>Phone Number/Location/Website</b>
<b>Non-Confidential Reporting</b>  Law Enforcement	Vineland Police Dept.  Millville Police Department  Cumberland Co. Sheriff's Office  Cumberland County Emergency Services  Cumberland Campus Security 856-200-4706 (Direct)	856-691-4111  856-825-7010  856-451-4449  <b>9-1-1</b>  Andres Lopez, Director Safety and Security 856-200-4706
<b>Non-Confidential</b>  On-Campus Reporting Support Services	Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity, Title IX and Compliance  Nathaniel Alridge, Jr., JD, Director Diversity and Equity, Title IX and Judicial Affairs  Kellie W. Slade Executive Director Student Services, Student Life	856-415-2154 Gloucester Campus College Center, Room 116 <a href="mailto:ajones@rcsj.edu">ajones@rcsj.edu</a>  856-498-9948 Catherine J. Arpino Education and Humanities Center, <a href="mailto:nalridge@rcsj.edu">nalridge@rcsj.edu</a>  856-200-4615 Student & Enrollment Services Center <a href="mailto:kslade@rcsj.edu">kslade@rcsj.edu</a>
<b>Confidential</b> On-Campus Counseling and Support Services	Student Counseling and Wellness Center John Wojtowicz, LCSW	Academic Building – 1 <sup>st</sup> floor 856-200-4760 <a href="mailto:jwojtowi@rcsj.edu">jwojtowi@rcsj.edu</a>
<b>Confidential</b> Off-Campus Full-Service Support	Center for Family Services – Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)	24/7 Hotlines Cumberland Co. – 1-800-225-0196 <a href="http://www.centerffs.org/serv">www.centerffs.org/serv</a>
<b>Hospital</b> Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner on Site	Inspira Medical Center Vineland	1505 W. Sherman Ave., Vineland, NJ 856-641-8000