



Nursing and Health Professions Division
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CRJ 215 Introduction to Criminology

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

Catalog Description

Prerequisite: SOC 101 or SOC 102 or SOC 104

This course offers a scientific study of crime and criminals; analysis of the nature and extent of crime in the U.S.; causes of crime and criminality; the development of the law and criminal justice system; characteristics and treatment of criminals; patterns of criminal behavior; the impact of crime on our society; an overview of early criminological theories; and contemporary sociological, psychological, and psychiatric approaches to explaining criminal behavior.

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 rcgc.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.

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Exams
- Quizzes
- Class Discussions
- Projects
- Written Assignments
- Attendance and Participation

Grading

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

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.

CRJ 215 Core Competencies

This course focuses on three of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written & Oral Communication
- Technological Competency
- Information literacy

Student Learning Outcomes: Introduction to Criminology

Successful Completion of CRJ 215 will help students:	RCSJ Core Competencies	Evaluation/Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)
1. The student will be able to summarize the concepts and theory involved in Criminology. a. Define criminology. b. Explain and classify theories of crime and types of crime. c. Debate and review controversial essays involved in the evolving processes of criminology.	Oral & Written Communication	Text review. Analysis and discussions Class participation
2. The student will break down and articulate Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Systems. a. Describe and correlate the nature of crime statistics. b. Examine and compare the distribution of Crime. c. Discuss and identify deterrence and rational choice theories of Crime. d. Discuss & examine Biogenic and Psychogenic theories of Crime, Social Structure theory, Social Process theories, Social Reaction Theories and recent developments of Criminological theory.	Oral & Written Communication	Open conversation and reviews
3. The student will differentiate and recognize the types of Crime. a. Define violent crime and economic crime. b. Differentiate crimes without victims and victims without crime. c. Evaluate public attitude toward the police and current issues in criminology. d. Discuss and explain the community policing philosophy. e. Identify and anticipate crime trends and concerns with community policing in mind.	Oral & Written Communication	Project assignments. Article reviews. Text discussions.

<p align="center">Successful Completion of CRJ 215 will help students:</p>	<p align="center">RCSJ Core Competencies</p>	<p align="center">Evaluation/Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)</p>
<p>4. The student will develop and be able to express, compare, review and discover an appreciation for the scope of criminal activity in society.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review and discuss Marxist criminology. b. Review and discuss feminist criminology. c. Review and discuss left realism on inner city violence. d. Review and discuss Post modern Justice and Critical Criminology. e. Review and discuss Constructive Criminology. f. Review and discuss Cultural Criminology. g. Differentiate and integrate various opinions and theories with a regional emphasis. 	<p>Written & Oral Communication</p>	<p>Text review. Quizzes and Chapter Tests</p>
<p>5. Students will distinguish and be able to research computer-based technology in the study of Law Justice and the social sciences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Choose and Use search engines to locate specific criminal justice agency web sites. b. Search criminal justice agency web sites for designated information. c. Use links to move between web sites. d. Download information located through web searches. e. Incorporate, compare, and organize selected information from computerized databases in course discussion. 	<p>Written & Oral Communication Technological Competency Information Literacy</p>	<p>Project preparation and submission. Analysis and class participation</p>

Topical Outline

- What is Criminology?
- Where do Theories Come From?
- Classical & Neo-Classical Thought
- Early Biological Perspectives of Criminal Behavior
- Biosocial & Other Contemporary Perspectives
- Psychological & Psychiatric Foundations of Criminal Behavior
- Social Structure Theories
- Theories of Social Process & Social Development
- Social Conflict Theories
- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property
- Globalization & Terrorism
- Criminal Victimization
- White Collar & Organized Crime
- Drug & Sex Crimes
- Technology & Crime

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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; 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; or (phone) 856-200-4688.

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault and Resource Referrals (08/2021)

Gloucester 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. Crimes that pose a threat to the campus community must be reported to **9-1-1**, Security, the Sheriff's Office or the Deptford Township Police Department. All employees, including Security staff, must report incidents of discrimination, harassment or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Officer.

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
Non-Confidential Reporting Local Law Enforcement	Gloucester County Sheriff's Office	856-681-2200
	Deptford Township Police Dept.	856-845-2220
	Gloucester Co. Prosecutor's Office	856-384-5500
	Sexual Assault Response Team	856-384-5555
Non-Confidential Reporting 9-1-1 and Campus Security	9-1-1 Gloucester County Emergency Management Dispatch Campus Security Blue Light Emergency Phones <u>or</u> ext. 4444 from any campus desk phone	9-1-1 or push RED button on Campus Blue Light Emergency Phones 856-681-6287
Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services	Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance	856-415-2154 College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu
	John F. Ryder Director, Student and Veteran Affairs	856-468-5000, ext. 6456 College Center, room 202 jryder@rcsj.edu
Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services	Lois Y. Lawson-Bridgell, Ph.D. MSW, LSW, Director Counseling & Wellness Services Center	856-464-5236 llawsonb@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 206
	William Leonard, Ph.D. Intervention Teams Consultant	856-415-2119 wleonard@rcsj.edu College Center, STEM Office C-168
	Crystal Noboa, LSW, MSW Director, The Center for People in Transition (PIT)	856-415-2264 cnoboa@rcsj.edu Career & Technical Education Center, Room 809, 1492 Tanyard Road
	Diane Mussoline, EdS, LMFT Executive Director of Behavioral Services	856-494-5665 dmussoli@rcsj.edu Rowan University Center, Room 200A
Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support	Center for Family Services/ Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)	1-866-295-7378 Camden and Gloucester counties www.centerffs.org/serv
Hospitals with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners	Inspira Medical Center	700 Mullica Hill Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 856-508-1000
	Jefferson Washington Township Hospital	435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Turnersville, NJ 856-582-2500