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General Syllabus

CRJU 3907V Criminal Justice Special Topics

Credit Hours: 1-6 (Variable) Lecture Hours: 1-6 (Variable)

Prerequisite: ENGL 10203 Composition II or ENGL 24103 Advanced Composition
Effective Catalog: 2025-2026

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines new and emerging topics in the criminal justice field not otherwise covered in the curriculum. Topics will be offered periodically based on the recognized needs of the field and the availability of the instruction. May be repeated when topics differ for a total of nine hours.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Content objectives will vary based on the specific special topic that is being offered.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following general education areas: **Analytical Skills**

Critical Thinking Skills: Students will identify problems/issues and develop solutions/analysis.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate proficiently. Students will use essay format for written presentation of research projects and discuss particular aspects of various topics in a seminar setting.

Ethical Decision Making

Students will model ethical decision-making processes. Students will examine ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice field and develop ethical frameworks to resolve specific ethical issues.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and their implications for interacting with people from cultures other than their own.

III. Major Course Topics

Will vary based on the specific special topic that is being offered.