

Course discipline/number/title: CRJU 1305: Introduction to Criminal Justice**A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

1. **Credits:** 3
2. **Hours/Week:** 3
3. **Prerequisites (Course discipline/number):** None
4. **Other requirements:** None
5. **MnTC Goals (if any):** NA

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is an introduction to the American criminal justice system. Topics will include the police, courts, and correctional systems.**C. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year):** February, 2025**D. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:**

1. Crime and the Criminal Justice System: An Overview
 - a) Crime in America
 - b) Victimization and criminal behavior
2. Police
 - a) Operations
 - b) Constitutional law
3. Courts
 - a) Pretrial process
 - b) Plea Bargaining and trials
 - c) Prosecution and defense
 - d) Punishment and sentencing
4. Corrections
 - a) Development of corrections
 - b) Community corrections
 - c) Incarceration and prison society
5. The juvenile justice system
 - a) Youth crime in America
 - b) Development of the juvenile justice system

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:

1. Explain the evolution of the criminal justice system.
2. Explain the role of police in the criminal justice system.
3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the courts and its role in the criminal justice system.
4. Explain the different types of correctional institutions and their role in the criminal justice system.
5. Demonstrate a basic understanding of the juvenile justice system.

F. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA**G. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:** Methods may include but are not limited to:

1. Class Discussions
2. Exam

H. RCTC CORE OUTCOME(S). This course contributes to meeting the following RCTC Core Outcomes(s):
Critical Thinking. Students will think systematically and explore information thoroughly before accepting or formulating a position or conclusion.**I. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any):** None