

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

CRMJ-211 CRIMINOLOGY

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ-211 Criminology
- B. New or Modified Course: Modified
- C. Date of Proposal: Semester: Fall Year: 2017
- D. Effective Term: Fall 2018
- E. Sponsoring Department: Business and Public Service
- F. Semester Credit Hours: 3.0
- G. Weekly Contact Hours: Lecture: 3 hours
Laboratory: None
Out of class student work per week: 6 hours
- H. Prerequisites/Corequisites: None
- I. Laboratory Fees: None
- J. Name and Telephone Number or E-Mail Address of Department Chair and Divisional Dean at time of approval: Anne Marie Anderson, annemarie.anderson@raritanval.edu, Terence Lynn Terence.Lynn@raritanval.edu

II. Catalog Description

This course examines the nature and causes of crime and criminal behavior. The class further explores characteristics of offenders. Specific categories of crime are studied including violent personal crime, property crime, sexual related crimes and victimless crimes.

III. Statement of Course Need

- A. This course is part of a comprehensive curriculum that seeks to analyze the etiology of crime through examination of the various components and the diverse views that characterize criminology and reflect its interdisciplinary nature. Toward this end, criminology plays an integral part towards understanding criminal acts and their principle actors.
- B. No lab component.
- C. This course generally transfers as a Criminal Justice course or as an elective.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

- A. Free Elective
- B. This course meets a program requirement for the Criminal Justice AA degree
- C. To see course transferability: a) for New Jersey schools, go to the NJ Transfer website, www.njtransfer.org; b) for all other colleges and universities, go to the individual websites.

V. Outline of Course Content

- A. Crime and Criminology
- B. The Nature and Extent of Crime
- C. Crime and Victimization
- D. Theories of Crime Causation
- E. Crime Typologies
- F. Punishment of Offenders

VI. General Education and Course Learning Outcomes

A. General Education Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Communicate in writing and/or orally an understanding of issues related to the study of criminal behavior. (GE-NJ 1)
2. Explain how social and political factors cause and affect criminal behavior within society. (GE-NJ 5)

B. Course Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and explain terminology associated with crime, victims, theories and the criminal justice system.

2. Compare real world case studies to various criminology theories.
3. Explain the role of the victim in contributing to the criminal act.

C. Assessment Instruments

- A. Examination/Quizzes
- B. Research papers
- C. Class participation
- D. Written assignments

VII. Grade Determinants

- A. Examinations/Quizzes
- B. Written Assignments
- C. Class Participation
- D. Service Learning Option

Modes of teaching and learning used in this course:

- A. Lecture/discussion
- B. Small-group work
- C. Scenarios
- D. Student written presentation
- E. Student oral presentations
- F. Simulation/role playing
- G. Guest Speakers

VIII. Texts and Materials

Required Text: Criminology, By Joel Siegel, Published by Cengage Learning. Latest edition

(Please Note: The course outline is intended only as a guide to course content and resources. Do not purchase textbooks based on this outline. The RVCC Bookstore is the sole resource for the most up-to-date information about textbooks.)

IX. Resources

N/A

X. Honors Options

N/A