I. Basic Course Information

A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ-232 Criminal Law

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

The course is an in-depth analysis of the history and evolution of criminal law and the complex adjudication process. It explores, in-depth, the mechanics of criminal law to include: the criminal act, criminal intent and the concurrence of the two principles. Issues relative to criminal liability, defenses to criminal liability and parties to criminal liability will be examined. General criminal law principles will be compared to the New Jersey Criminal Code, Title 2C.
III. Statement of Course Need

A. This course is part of a comprehensive curriculum that seeks to analyze the complex adjudication process through examination of the criminal law components. Towards this end, this course plays an integral part towards understanding the substantive law.

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. The nature of criminal law and punishment
B. Constitutional limits on criminal law
C. Elements of criminal liability
D. Defenses to criminal liability
E. Parties to criminal liability
F. Crimes against persons
G. Crimes against property

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 various behaviors that are considered criminal. (GE-NJ 1)
2. Connect how society behavioral changes and political factors affect criminal laws and punishment. (GE-NJ 5)

B. Course Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:
1. Explain the general principles of criminal law
2. Compare and contrast crimes against persons and property crimes
3. Describe various types of criminal behavior.

C. Assessment Instruments

A. Examinations/Quizzes
B. Class participation
C. Research papers
D. Written assignments
E. Case briefings

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. Case studies
D. Student written presentations
E. Student oral presentations
F. Simulation/role playing
G. Guest speakers

VIII. Texts and Materials


(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