

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

**CRMJ-233 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

**I. Basic Course Information**

- A. Course Number and Title: CRMJ-233 Criminal Procedure
- 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](mailto:annemarie.anderson@raritanval.edu), Terence Lynn [Terence.Lynn@raritanval.edu](mailto:Terence.Lynn@raritanval.edu)

**II. Catalog Description**

This course is a study of the structure, process and constitutional provisions of both the law and practice of criminal procedure. The law of criminal procedure concerns the balancing of the power of the government to enforce the criminal laws without unduly invading the liberty and privacy rights of individuals. The practice of criminal procedure involves the application of abstract legal principles to everyday police practices in handling real problems.

### **III. Statement of Course Need**

- A. This course is part of a comprehensive curriculum that seeks to analyze the laws and court cases regarding such areas as arrest, interrogations, search/seizure and identification procedures. Toward this end, this course plays an integral part towards understanding how the police and courts enforce criminal laws.
- 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](http://www.njtransfer.org); b) for all other colleges and universities, go to the individual websites.

### **V. Outline of Course Content**

- A. The Constitution and Criminal Procedure
- B. Searches, Seizures and the Fourth Amendment
- C. Interrogation and Confessions
- D. Identification Procedures
- E. Remedies for Constitutional Violations
- F. Trial and Conviction

### **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 their points of view on constitutional issues related to the enforcement of criminal laws. (GE-NJ 1)
2. Identify how social and political factors affect the process and outcomes of the way laws are enforced. (GE-NJ 5)

#### **B. Course Learning Outcomes:**

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

1. Examine the general principles of criminal procedure.
2. Compare real world police practice to the law of criminal procedure.
3. Describe the criminal procedure process from arrest to conviction.

### **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:** Criminal Procedure, By Joel Samaha, 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