

**RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC COURSE OUTLINE**

**CRMJ-204 WOMEN AND MINORITIES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
SYSTEM**

**I. Basic Course Information**

A. Course Number and Title:	CRMJ-204 Women and Minorities in the Criminal Justice System
B. New or Modified Course:	Modified
C. Date of Proposal:	Semester: spring Year: 2021
D. Effective Term:	fall 2021
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:	Intro to Sociology (SOC1 101) or Intro to Criminal Justice (CRMJ 101)
I. Laboratory Fees:	None
J. Name and Telephone Number or E-Mail Address of Divisional Dean and Department Chair at time of approval:	Patrice Marks <a href="mailto:Patrice.marks@raritanval.edu">Patrice.marks@raritanval.edu</a> and Tracy Rimple <a href="mailto:tracy.rimple@raritanval.edu">tracy.rimple@raritanval.edu</a>

**II. Catalog Description**

This course provides in-depth examination of changing social values about gender and race. An analysis of crime, inequality and justice. The course will also analyze women and minorities role in law enforcement, an assessment of women and minorities as criminals, including those who are incarcerated, and as victims. An investigation of the

impact of race and gender in adjudication and sentencing. Special topics such as hate crimes, sexual crimes and domestic violence will be examined.

### III. Statement of Course Need

- A. This course is part of a comprehensive curriculum that seeks to analyze the role that women and minorities play within the criminal justice system. This course brings more diversification in course offerings and examines an important area of criminal justice. Toward this end, this course plays an integral part towards understanding how the police and courts interact with women and minorities.
- 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 AS 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. Women and Minorities as offenders, victims, practitioners
- B. Conceptualizing and investigating difference
- C. Women and minorities as criminal justice professionals
- D. Bias Crimes
- E. Equity and equality laws
- F. Women, minorities and public policy

### 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 how inequality impacts the criminal justice system. (GE-NJ 1)
2. Identify how social and political factors affect the process and outcomes of the way women and minorities are treated. (GE-NJ 5)

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

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

1. Examine the intersection of race, gender in criminal justice relationships.
2. Explain the relationship between inequality, crime and justice.
3. Describe the role of women and minorities as offenders, victims and criminal justice professionals.

## **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:** Multiculturalism and the Criminal Justice System, By Hanser and Gomila, Published by Pearson Publishing. 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