RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Criminology CRMJ-211  
Course Outline

I. Basic Course Information

A. Course Prefix and Title: Criminology CRMJ-211

B. Date: February 2005

C. Sponsoring Department: Business and Public Service Department

D. Semester Credit Hours: 3

E. Weekly Contact Hours: 3  
   Lecture 3  
   Laboratory 0

F. Prerequisites: None

G. Laboratory Fees: None

II. Catalog Description

This course examines the nature and causes of crime and criminal behavior, and characteristics of offenders. It studies specific categories of crime to include white collar crime, organized crime, victimless crime, and violent personal crime. Additional topics include development of the criminal law and methods for measuring crime.

III. Statement of Course Need

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, this course plays an integral part towards understanding the procedures, and their principle actors.

IV. Place of Course in College Curriculum

Program requirement  
Option Juvenile Delinquency Program  
As posted on NJ Transfer, this course transfers to most institutions as Criminology or an elective.

V. Outline of Course Content

Topics
Introduction: Crime and Criminology  
Criminal Law and Its Process  
Measuring Crime  
Crime and Victimization  
Theories of Crime Causation  
Crime Typologies  
Economic Crime
VI. Educational Goals and Learning Outcomes

Educational Goals
Students will:

1. Produce works that reflect critical and creative thought. (G.E. 1)
2. Communicate with others in a clear, logical manner, both in the writing of applications and in presentation of group studies. (G.E. 2)
3. Analyze the information found from government sources to obtain the cause and effects of criminal behavior on society. (G.E. 3)
4. Analyze ethical issues relative to law enforcement, the judiciary and corrections. (G.E. 5)

Learning Outcomes:
Student will be able to:

1. Analyze the impact of crime and its true cost to society.
2. Apply the terminology associated with crime, victims, theories and the criminal justice system.
3. Investigate issues using conventional and web-based resources.
4. Analyze the role of the victim in contributing to the criminal act.
5. Apply the various criminology theories to case studies.

VII. Modes of Teaching and Learning

This course will employ the following modes of teaching:

- Lecture/discussion
- Small group work
- Interactive computer programs
- Guest speakers
- Student oral presentations

VIII. Assessment Methods

This course will employ the following methods for assessment:

- Exams
- Written Assignments
- Class Participation, Quizzes and Attendance
IX. **Grade Determinants**

Written exams, topical papers, quizzes, interactive (CD Rom), and fact-finding research assignments will be used to assess students according to the general education goals and student learning outcomes listed above.

X. **Suggested Materials**

Textbook: Criminology  
Author(s): Siegal  
Publisher: Thompson/Wadsworth  
Edition: Latest

XI. **Resources**

This course will require the use of a computer with projection capabilities.