



### Course Information

Division	Humanities/Social Sciences
Course Number	CRJ 251
Contact Hours	45
Total Credits	3

### Prerequisites

RDG 090 and ENGL 090 or qualifying scores on accepted placement tests

### Course Description

This course is designed to provide a foundation for criminal law in the United States. Topics include an overview of the system and statutory construction. It discusses the basic components of crimes like mens rea and actus reas. The student uses critical thinking to apply definitions and elements of a crime, determining applicability while considering possible defenses. All basic types of crimes: property, person, public order, will be discussed along with the standard punishments.

This course is a required core course for students pursuing an AAS in Criminal Justice.

### Program Outcomes Addressed by this Course:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to meet the program outcomes listed below:

- A. Develop knowledge and understanding of the functions and processes of the Criminal Justice System
- B. Develop problem solving skills in a variety of situations that utilize critical thinking and situational analysis.
- C. Explain both substantive and procedural criminal law, criminological concepts and the study of crime and victimology.
- D. Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
- E. Discuss Constitutional protections applied to the criminal justice system.
- F. Promote professionalism through the use of ethics and diversity in course offerings.

### Course Outcomes

In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Discuss how laws and the courts fit into the Criminal Justice System.  
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F
2. Explain how laws are formed and applied.  
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
3. Apply the general elements of a crime to statutory construction.  
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
4. Apply the elements of a crime to a given set of facts while considering appropriated defenses.  
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
5. Explain how punishments and sentencing applies to criminal law



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# Course Outcome Summary

**Required Program Core Course**

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- Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
- 6. Explain the ethical concerns involved in the courts and the practice of criminal law.
  - Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,E,F
- 7. Describe the practical and ethical challenges in the courts
  - Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F