



MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Course Outcome Summary

Required Program Core Course

CRJ 165 The American Court System

Course Information

Division: Humanities/ Social Science

Contact Hours 45

Credit Hours 3

Prerequisites

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

Course Description

This course takes an in-depth look at the US court system. It will expose the student to the three elements of the Criminal Justice System law enforcement, corrections and a heavy emphasis on the courts. The process of determining guilt to innocence will be explained through the perspectives of the members of the court process. The process, the roles people play and the effects on society will be pursued to gather a better understanding of this portion of the Criminal Justice System.

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 US Criminal Justice System
- B. Using critical thinking skills, develop and use problem solving skills in a variety of situations
- C. Understand criminal law both substantive and procedural, criminological concepts and the study of crime and criminality.
- 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. Explain the role of the court in the Criminal Justice System.

-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F

2. Explain the differences between the courts: Federal, state, circuit, district, family, probate, juvenile.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
3. Discuss the internal dynamics within a court.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
4. Explain the roles of the different parties in a court case: prosecutor, defense, judge, defendant, witness, victim, etc.
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
5. Explain the court process from arraignment to appeals, including all of the steps in between
-Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,D,F
6. Discuss the practical and ethical problems in the court and the practice of law.
- Applies to program outcomes A,B,C,E,F