CJS 201 : Foundations in Criminal Justice

A. Course Description

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice AND WRIT 131 Writing I or instructor's consent.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of academic research and professional development related to the discipline of criminal justice and law enforcement. Students learn to search, locate, retrieve, evaluate, and document research sources as well as prepare research papers using writing and citations styles expected in criminal justice and law enforcement courses. The course will also broaden students' understanding of the direct and indirect criminal justice professional opportunities and equip students with the tools to pursue careers in the field.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/15/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Identify and locate academic sources appropriate to begin research in criminal justice and law enforcement.
2. Critically analyze, evaluate, and summarize research sources at an introductory level.
3. Effectively draft, edit, cite references in APA format and critique academic papers.
4. Develop academic and career plan.
5. Build professional writing and communication skills.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None