CJS 301 : Research Methods in Criminal Justice

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice AND CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course examines the scientific research methods used in criminal justice research. Students learn a variety of research methods and apply them to various types of research being conducted within the criminal justice system. This course examines both quantitative and qualitative approaches.

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. Critically analyze and evaluate research data.
2. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills, critical thinking skills and problem solving skills.
3. Explain and demonstrate how to apply quantitative and qualitative methods.
4. Understand how to define and measure social phenomena.
5. Understand the relationship between academic knowledge and the practical application of that knowledge to the field.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

F. Special Information

Prerequisites: CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice, AND either CJS 200 Literature in Criminal Justice OR CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice required. Note: This class replaces what used to be CJS 483 Research Seminar in Criminal Justice.