CJS 305 : The Criminal Court System

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 is designed to expand students understanding of the role of criminal court at the federal, state, and local levels. As the intermediate step between law enforcement and corrections, courts are often criticized for providing a revolving door through which chronic offenders enter and exit without justice being served. We will explore the power and limitations of the judicial branch of government with regard to its role in the criminal justice system, as well as learn about the roles of various court professionals and develop a detailed understanding of the court process.

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. Analyze key judicial system concepts and controversies.
2. Apply required readings and lectures to analysis of specific court cases.
3. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.
4. Examine and explain the roles, responsibilities, and dynamics of courthouse professionals.
5. Understand the function and organization of courts at the federal, state, and local levels.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. 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.

Community Engagement