A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites:

CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice
CJS 301 Research Methods in Criminal Justice

Lab Hours/ Weeks:

Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

With an emphasis on experiential learning, the capstone course allows students to combine an internship experience in a criminal justice setting with academic work to support career pathways, synthesize undergraduate experiences, and develop deeper understanding of criminal justice issues. During the semester, students must complete at least 160 hours of service at an internship field site. Note: With support from their academic advisors, students are responsible for securing their own internship opportunities and must do so one month prior to registering for CJS-489.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/04/2016 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Connect academic learning and research to criminal justice issues as experienced in an agency and community setting;
2. Demonstrate professionalism and build proficiency in creating communications and documents used in criminal justice professional work, including e-mail communications, a cover letter, resume, and memorandum.
3. Gain insight into the relationships between criminal justice agencies and the citizens they serve;
4. Gain skills in professional development and develop effective self-assessment strategies.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Note: This course should be taken the semester the student graduates. Prior to registering, contact your academic advisor or the faculty member teaching the course for further information about securing an internship site. Prerequisites: Either CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice OR CJS 200 Literature in Criminal Justice AND CJS 301 Research Methods in Criminal Justice. Co-requisites: CJS 320 Criminology and Public Policy AND CJS 360 Diversity in Criminal Justice AND CJS 375 Ethics and Professionalism in Criminal Justice.