



Nursing and Health Professions Division
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CRJ 201 Criminal Law

Syllabus

Lecture Hours/Credits: 3/3

Catalog Description

Prerequisite: Passing grade in RDG 099

This is an introduction to the origin and function of the substantive criminal law; review and analysis of the elements of major offenses at common law and under modern penal codes and the available defenses; and review and discussion of leading judicial interpretation of penal codes.

Textbook and Course Materials

It is the responsibility of the student to confirm with the bookstore and/or their instructor the textbook, handbook, and any other materials required for their specific course and section.

Click here to see current textbook prices at rcgc.bncollege.com.

Evaluation Assessment

Grading Distribution

Grading to be determined by individual instructors.

Individual instructors may include the following assessment(s):

- Exams
- Mock Trial
- Attendance and Participation

Grading

A = 96%-100%

A- = 93%-95%

B+ = 90%-92%

B = 86%-89%

B- = 83%-85%

C+ = 80%-82%

C = 77%-79%

C- = 74%-76%

D+ = 71%-73%

D = 67%-70%

D- = 64%-66%

F = Below 64%

Rowan College South Jersey Core Competencies

(Based on the NJCCC General Education Foundation - August 15, 2007; Revised 2011; Adopted 2014)

This comprehensive list reflects the core competencies that are essential for all RCSJ graduates; however, each program varies regarding competencies required for a specific degree. Critical thinking is embedded in all courses, while teamwork and personal skills are embedded in many courses.

1. **Written and Oral Communication:** Students will communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
2. **Quantitative Knowledge and Skills:** Students will use appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data and to solve problems
3. **Scientific Knowledge and Reasoning:** Students will use the scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
4. **Technological Competency:** Students will use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals
5. **Society and Human Behavior:** Students will use social science theories and concepts to analyze human behavior and social and political institutions and to act as responsible citizens.
6. **Humanistic Perspective:** Students will analyze works in the fields of art, history, music, or theater; literature; philosophy and/or religious studies; and/or will gain competence in the use of a foreign language
7. **Historical Perspective:** Students will understand historical events and movements in World, Western, non-Western or American societies and assess their subsequent significance.
8. **Global and Cultural Awareness:** Students will understand the importance of a global perspective and culturally diverse peoples.
9. **Ethical Reasoning and Action:** Students will understand ethical issues and situations.
10. **Information Literacy:** Students will address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

CRJ 201 Core Competencies

This course focuses on two of RCSJ's Core Competencies:

- Written & Oral Communication
- Personal Skills

Student Learning Outcomes: Criminal Law

Successful completion of CRJ 201 will help students:	RCSJ's Core Competencies	Evaluation / Assessment (Additional means of evaluation may be included by individual instructors)
Appreciate the value and necessity of regular class attendance and the completion of preparatory assignments on a consistent basis; emphasizing individual student responsibility.	Personal Skills	Instructor recording attendance and class participation during each class
Discover the nature and purpose of criminal law, and the sources of criminal law, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Statutory Law II. Constitutions III. Judicial Decisions IV. Administrative Decisions 	Written Communication	Written Exams
Differentiate and understand the historical background of criminal law, common law, codified statutes, the model penal code, and federal and state statutes.	Written Communication	Written Exams
Distinguish the evaluate factual patterns, determine whether conduct will result in criminal sanctions and reach conclusions determining what criminal charges, if any, will be levied.	Written Communication Oral Communication	Mock Trial Written Exams
Understand the elements of each criminal offense, differentiate between the levels of crime, and be able to articulate and demonstrate knowledge of elements of each offense.	Written Communication Oral Communication	Mock Trial Written Exams
Identify conduct that will make an individual criminally culpable for his/her actions.	Written Communication	Written Exams
Review empirical data explaining why individuals commit crime and apply the information to criminal law and investigations.	Oral Communication	Class Participation

Topical Outline

Purposes, Scope & Sources of Criminal Law
Jurisdiction
Essential Elements of a Crime
Criminal Liability
Criminal Responsibility
Law Governing Use of Force
Other Criminal Defenses
Capital Punishment
Homicide
Public Order Crimes
Crimes Against Persons
Crimes Against Property
Assault, Battery and Other Crimes
Other Criminal Punishments
Bill of Rights
Sexual Assault, Rape and Prostitution
Theft
Robbery
White Collar, Cyber and Commercial Crime
Drug Abuse & Alcohol Related Crime
Terrorism
Organized Crime & Gangs
Immigration Crimes, Contempt and Other Crimes Against Government
Constitutional Limitations
Punishment & Sentencing
Actus Reus
Mens Rea, Concurrence, Causation
Parties to Crime and Vicarious Liability
Attempt, Conspiracy & Solicitation
Justifications
Kidnapping & False Imprisonment
Trespass, Arson & Mischief
Crimes Against the State
Criminal Law & Punishment
Criminal Act
Defenses: Justifications & Excuses
Parties to Crime & Vicarious Liability
Inchoate Crimes

Affirmative Action Statement

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For questions concerning discrimination, contact Almarie J. Jones, Special Assistant to the President, Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance, 856-415-2154 or ajones@rcsj.edu or (Cumberland) Nathaniel Alridge, Jr., JD, Director, Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Judicial Affairs, 856-691-8600, ext. 1414 or nalridge@rcsj.edu. For disability issues or any barriers in the learning or physical environment related to a document condition/disability please contact: Gloucester campus – Carol Weinhardt, Director, Department of Special Services, ADA/504 Officer at 856-415-2247 or cweinhar@rcsj.edu; or Cumberland Campus – Meredith Vicente, Senior Director, Department of Special Services/Project Assist at 856-200-4688 or mvicent1@rcsj.edu

Department of Special Services

The Department of Special Services is committed to providing support services and ensuring equal access to eligible students with documented conditions/disabilities as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act with Amendments Act (ADAAA).

(Gloucester Campus Location and Contact)

Location: Instructional Center, room 425A.

Primary Contact: Director, Carol Weinhardt, (email) cweinhar@rcsj.edu; or (phone) 856-415-2247.

(Cumberland Campus Location and Contact)

Location: Center for Academic & Student Success (CASS)

Primary Contact: Senior Director, Meredith Vicente, (email) mvicent1@rcsj.edu; or (phone) 856-200-4688.

Reporting Allegations of Sexual Assault and Resource Referrals (08/2021)

Gloucester Campus

There are multiple safe places for students to report allegations of sexual assault, both on and off campus. Reports of sexual assault can be made to any of the following offices listed in the chart below.

All students are encouraged to report alleged crimes on campus. Crimes that pose a threat to the campus community must be reported to **9-1-1**, Security, the Sheriff's Office or the Deptford Township Police Department. All employees, including Security staff, must report incidents of discrimination, harassment or sexual misconduct to the Title IX Officer.

Service	Resource	Phone Number/Location/Website
Non-Confidential Reporting Local Law Enforcement	Gloucester County Sheriff's Office Deptford Township Police Dept. Gloucester Co. Prosecutor's Office Sexual Assault Response Team	856-681-2200 856-845-2220 856-384-5500 856-384-5555
Non-Confidential Reporting 9-1-1 and Campus Security	9-1-1 Gloucester County Emergency Management Dispatch Campus Security Blue Light Emergency Phones <u>or</u> ext. 4444 from any campus desk phone	9-1-1 or push RED button on Campus Blue Light Emergency Phones 856-681-6287
Non-Confidential On-Campus Reporting Support Services	Almarie J. Jones Special Assistant to the President Diversity and Equity/Title IX and Compliance John F. Ryder Director, Student and Veteran Affairs	856-415-2154 College Center, Room 116 ajones@rcsj.edu 856-468-5000, ext. 6456 College Center, room 202 jryder@rcsj.edu
Confidential On-Campus Counseling and Support Services	Lois Y. Lawson-Briddell, Ph.D. MSW, LSW, Director Counseling & Wellness Services Center William Leonard, Ph.D. Intervention Teams Consultant Crystal Noboa, LSW, MSW Director, The Center for People in Transition (PIT) Diane Mussoline, EdS, LMFT Executive Director of Behavioral Services	856-464-5236 llawsonb@rcsj.edu College Center, Room 206 856-415-2119 wleonard@rcsj.edu College Center, STEM Office C-168 856-415-2264 cnoboa@rcsj.edu Career & Technical Education Center, Room 809, 1492 Tanyard Road 856-494-5665 dmussoli@rcsj.edu Rowan University Center, Room 200A
Confidential Off-Campus Full-Service Support	Center for Family Services/ Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV)	1-866-295-7378 Camden and Gloucester counties www.centerffs.org/serv
Hospitals with Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners	Inspira Medical Center Jefferson Washington Township Hospital	700 Mullica Hill Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062 856-508-1000 435 Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd., Turnersville, NJ 856-582-2500