CRJS 4800 - Senior Seminar

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 41979,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Course Description

4800. Senior Seminar. Overview of the criminal justice system in the United States. Review of constitutional issues, discussion of contemporary issues. Serves as the criminal justice senior capstone course. Portfolios and resumes prepared, assessment exam. Must be a Criminal Justice major or have permission of chairperson. Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of chairperson. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Crime Control in America: What Works? 4th edition	Worral	ISBN-13: 9780134848181

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	3 videos to review that are posted on Blackboard	Introduction and Career Preparedness	Discussion assignment and journal article review
10/26	Worral chapters 1-2	Models of the Criminal Justice System	Discussion assignment and quizzes
11/2	Worral chapters 3-5	Policing	Discussion assignment, quizzes, and portfolio project
11/9	Worral chapters 6-7	Legal Processes	Discussion assignment, quizzes, and writing assignment
11/16	Worral chapters 8-9	Courts	Discussion assignment, quizzes, and resume packet
11/23	review Worrall chapters 1-9	Final Assessment Activities	Assessment exam
11/30	Worral chapters 10-11	Corrections and Rehabilitation	Discussion assignment and quizzes

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