

## CRJS 4800 - Senior Seminar

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A02, CRN 41980,

Credit hours: 3

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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 | Worrall | 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   | Worrall chapters 1-2                             | Models of the Criminal Justice System | Discussion assignment and quizzes                      |
| 11/2    | Worrall chapters 3-5                             | Policing                              | Discussion assignment, quizzes, and portfolio project  |
| 11/9    | Worrall chapters 6-7                             | Legal Processes                       | Discussion assignment, quizzes, and writing assignment |
| 11/16   | Worrall chapters 8-9                             | Courts                                | Discussion assignment, quizzes, and resume packet      |
| 11/23   | review Worrall chapters 1-9                      | Final Assessment Activities           | Assessment exam                                        |
| 11/30   | Worrall chapters 10-11                           | Corrections and Rehabilitation        | Discussion assignment and quizzes                      |

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