

CRJS 4851 - Women and Justice

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Course Description

4851. Women and Justice. Examines the historical development and current women's issues as they related to the justice system. Women's roles in the legal system, prisons (as staff and offenders), victims and perpetrators of violence, policing society and organized crime. Female juvenile delinquency and controversial topics such as abortion and capital punishment. Prereq.: Senior standing or permission of the chair. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Women, Gender, and Crime, 2 ed.	Mallicoat	• ISBN: 9781071845240

Also required are: Internet access, library access, Blackboard access

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
8/24	Text Ch. 1 Text Ch. 2	Gender Specific Legislation Theories of Victimization	DP 0 Syllabus Quiz DP 0 Comments DP 1 Quiz 1 Assignment 1 Quiz 2 DP 1 Comments
8/31	Text Ch. 3 Text Ch. 4	Victimization: Rape and Sexual Assault Intimate Partner Abuse and Stalking	Assignment 2 Quiz 3 Quiz 4 DP 2 DP 2 Comments



9/7	Text Ch. 5 Text Ch. 6	Gender Based Violence Theories of Offending	Assignment 3 Quiz 5 Quiz 6 DP 3 Midterm DP 3 Comments
9/14	Text Ch. 7 Text Ch. 8	Girls: Juvenile Delinquency Adult Offenders and Crimes	Quiz 7 Assignment 4 Quiz 8 DP 4 Book review topic form DP 4 comments
9/21	Text Ch. 9 Text Ch. 10	Processing and Sentencing Supervision	Quiz 9 DP 5 Quiz 10 Assignment 5 DP 5 Comments
9/28	Text Ch. 11 Text Ch. 12	Incarceration Professionals: Police, Corrections, and Offender services	Quiz 11 Assignment 6 Quiz 12 DP 6 DP 6 Comments
10/5	Text Ch. 13	Professionals: Court and Victim Services	DP 7 Book review DP 7 Comments Quiz 13 Assignment 6 Final exam

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