

CRJS 6955 - Independent Study

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41995,

Credit hours: 3

Instructor

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Public Instructor Information

Instructor Title: Dr. Hazy

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Course Description

6955. Independent Study. Study under the personal supervision of a faculty member with the approval of the graduate coordinator. May be repeated once. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
	No readings (i.e. there is no 1 assigned textbook for all students-- materials are tailored to each student)		

The reading materials will per specific to each student's approved topic by the instructor.

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

Tentative Course Schedule Subject to Change CRJS 3799

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Syllabus and Blackboard "Getting Started" and Week 1 module	what will you learn; how will the course be covered; how do you pick a problem	Discussion #1 (of 10) initial post by Thur and replies by Sunday
8/31	Week 2 materials on Blackboard	how do you read research articles and search the literature	Problem Selection due by Sunday
9/7	Week 3 materials on Blackboard	why is your problem important and what have experts done on your topic	Discussion #2 is meet with your instructor via WebEx, phone, or in-person by Friday at 3pm
9/14	Week 4 materials on Blackboard	how do you find high reliability and validity sources; how do you evaluate them	Discussion #3 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
9/21	Week 5 materials on Blackboard	what is good about APA formatting	Discussion #4 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
9/28	Week 6 materials on Blackboard	how does theory influence our understanding of professional findings	Annotate Bibliography due by Sunday
10/5	Week 7 materials on Blackboard	what are some ways to visually think about your problem	Discussion #5 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
10/12	Week 8 materials on Blackboard	what are some critical issues about your problem	Discussion #6 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday



10/19	Week 9 materials on Blackboard	how is your problem influenced by multiple viewpoints	PowerPoint Slides due by Sunday
10/26	Week 10 materials on Blackboard	what are the essential matters to consider regarding your problem	Discussion #7 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
11/2	Week 11 materials on Blackboard	how do you organize findings about your problem	Rough Draft due by Sunday
11/9	Week 12 materials on Blackboard	what are some report/writing tips	Discussion #8 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
11/16	Week 13 materials on Blackboard	how does your problem influence the CJ field	Discussion #9 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
11/23	Week 14 materials on Blackboard	what did you set out to find, what did you find, and where do we go from here	Paper due by Sunday
11/30	Week 15 materials on Blackboard	what lessons did you learn about your problem and how do you put them into action (strategy, policy, theory, and/or research)	Discussion #10 initial post by Thur and replies due by Sunday
12/7	Week 16 materials on Blackboard	Finals Week, Final Progress Journal	Final (Progress Journal) due by noon Friday

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