CRJS 219: Writing for Criminal Justice

This course will support learners in developing reading, writing, and critical thinking skills in criminal justice. Learners will be introduced to fundamental academic research and writing, emphasizing professional writing in criminal justice. Other topics covered in the course will include when "why and how" of police report writing with exceptional guidance on how to write accurately and concisely at the same time. Learners will also gain experience in both writing and interpret literature in criminal justice. In addition to gaining skills in the basics of criminal justice research and use of the APA style, learners will be taught to take notes effectively write reports, social histories; learners will also gain skills in writing concisely, proper formatting, and specific report writing and approaches to include agency and court narratives.

Credits 3

CIP Code

43.0104

Prerequisites

(LIBR 150 may be taken concurrently).

Prerequisite Courses

ENGL 111

CRJS 201

LIBR 150

Course Outcomes

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Understand the questions that make a useful report while differentiating facts, inferences, and opinions
- Demonstrate mastery of professional vocabulary in Criminal Justice
- Distinguish between well-written statements and poorly written statements
- Evaluate research a by a set criteria
- Categorize steps to take in report writing
- Demonstrate oral communications skills
- Discover how to take notes
- Prove when to use the first person, active voice
- Recognize and verify how to eliminate unnecessary words in a police report
- Demonstrate writing proficiency.

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