



## Syllabus

**The mission of York College is to transform lives through Christ-centered education and to equip students for lifelong service to God, family, and society.**

### **CRJ 303 Criminology**

This course provides a general survey of the nature and causes of crime, and efforts of the criminal justice system to predict, prevent, modify, and correct this behavior.

#### **Course Learning Outcomes:**

1. The learner will demonstrate a competent level of understanding of the various school of criminological theory.
2. The learner will identify and explain basic concepts of criminological theories.
3. The learner will recognize and discuss the importance of analyzing theoretical issues from various perspectives.
4. The learner will critically examine the influence and limitations of each theoretical school and its effect on crime and criminal sanctions.

#### **This course is in partial fulfillment of the following Program Learning Outcomes in bold:**

1. The learner will identify and demonstrate a working understanding of the major components of the criminal justice system (law enforcement, courts, and corrections).
2. The learner will demonstrate a basic knowledge of procedural and evidentiary rules and the relationship between procedural and substantive law.
3. **The learner will understand and analyze legal concepts and terminology in substantive and procedural areas of criminal justice.**
4. **The learner will apply criminal justice/criminological concepts and theories to real life applications in the field of criminal justice.**

#### **Absences and Tardiness**

York College believes that regular class attendance is essential to learning; however, it provides for necessary absences. Punctuality in all classes is required. Individual teachers set their own attendance standards. However, you cannot be absent from any course for more than the equivalent of three weeks of a semester and receive credit in that course. Absences in excess of this amount constitute failure in the course and may result in withdrawal from the course with a grade of “WF” (withdrawn failing).

#### **Academic Honesty**

Academic dishonesty is taken seriously by York College. Cheating on assignments or examinations, plagiarizing, or any other act which violates the rights of another student in academic work or that involves misrepresentation of your own work may result in a grade reduction on the assignment/quiz/test or a grade reduction in the class (including the possibility of failing the class). If a student is found responsible for academic dishonesty, a report is filed with the Provost's office and is considered a violation of the [Honor Code](#).

#### **Special Needs**

If you have or believe you have a disability, you may wish to self-identify. You can do so by providing documentation to Mrs. Marti Soderholm, Director of Special Populations. She may be contacted by phone at

(402) 363-5616 or e-mail: [msoderholm@york.edu](mailto:msoderholm@york.edu) for an appointment. Pending the results of your evaluation, appropriate accommodations may then be provided for you.

If you have a condition which may affect your ability to exit safely from the premises in an emergency or which may cause an emergency during class, you are encouraged to discuss this in confidence with the instructor and/or the ADA Compliance Officer. If you have general questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), contact the ADA Compliance Officer, Todd Sheldon, at (402) 363-5601 or by e-mail: [tlsheldon@york.edu](mailto:tlsheldon@york.edu)