

CRJC 531 - Advanced Seminar in Criminological Theory

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

This course is an advanced graduate seminar in criminological theory. It is designed for students who have had prior graduate level exposure to criminological theory and research methods, and who want to deepen their understanding of criminological theory and the relationship between theory and research methodology. Students are guided in the process of conducting in-depth analysis of selected theoretical perspectives on crimes and criminal justice and in critically evaluating the conceptual, logical, and empirical adequacies and inadequacies of the selected theories. In addition, significant attention will be given to helping students develop theory driven research ideas that they may pursue as master's thesis projects or as dissertation projects, for those who intend to pursue doctoral level work in the future.