



BAKER COLLEGE

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

CRJ 4850 Current Topics Seminar
3 Semester Credit Hours

Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives

1. Model professional behavior in class discussions and debates.
 - a. Defend personal stances on controversial topics with professional ethics and respect and using credible, objective sources and legitimate data.
 - b. Construct innovative solutions centered around the concepts of ethics, diversity, equality, and equity of justice.
 - c. Demonstrate professional standards of etiquette in online communications (netiquette).
 - d. Construct substantive, robust responses demonstrating solution-based thinking and evidence-based research.
 - e. Demonstrate writing skills appropriate for a professional environment.

2. Explore current events through a variety of academic and media sources for macro and micro level understandings of the issues.
 - a. Detect inconsistencies, fallacies, and assumptions in media reporting and social media.
 - b. Identify credible sources to research current topics.

Big Ideas and Essential Questions

Big Ideas

- Critical Thinking
- Credible sources
- Data-backed responses
- Research

Essential Questions

1. How to find the truth in reporting, online and the media.
2. What are the components of a persuasive statement and rebuttal?

3. What foundational skills are needed to ethically and respectfully engage in online discussions?
 4. What is the difference between credible and non-credible sources?
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These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

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