



**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**CRJ 4910 Criminal Justice Capstone**  
**3 Semester Credit Hours**

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**Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives**

1. Examine the foundational skills, concepts, and practices used in criminal justice.
  - a. Explore solutions to the issues facing the police, courts and corrections.
2. Evaluate significant theoretical and historical perspectives as they relate to contemporary criminal justice issues.
  - a. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of significant theoretical and historical perspectives with contemporary criminal justice issues.
  - b. Evaluate the impact of social, political, economic and cultural factors with contemporary criminal justice issues in the U.S. and globally.
3. Analyze past, present and future challenges of diversity, equity, and human rights in relation to the workings of the criminal justice system.
  - a. Investigate the impact of cultural competence and knowledge of diverse populations as they relate to the administration of justice in our contemporary society.
  - b. Investigate solutions to the challenges of administering justice in a diverse community.
4. Apply ethical standards to the challenges of occupational and professional behavior in criminal justice.
  - a. Identify the challenges of ethical decision-making in the criminal justice professions.
  - b. Investigate the impact of unethical behavior in the application of equal justice for the diverse populations they serve.
5. Evaluate the benefits and challenges with the interconnectedness and separateness of the Police, Courts, Corrections, Federal Agencies, and the diverse community.
  - a. Explain the interconnectedness and separateness of the various criminal justice organizations and agencies.
6. Use peer-reviewed research and data to support and interpret issues or problems relevant to the field of criminal justice.
  - a. Support opinions and solutions concerning issues and problems in criminal justice with appropriate peer-reviewed research sources and data.
7. Analyze the major events, trends, and issues in Criminal Justice.
  - a. Explore the impact of major events, trends, and issues on the field and criminal

justice professionals.

## **Big Ideas and Essential Questions**

### **Big Ideas**

- Foundational knowledge and skills
- Theoretical and historical perspectives
- Diversity, Equity and Human Rights
- Ethics
- Interconnectedness
- Trends and issues

### **Essential Questions**

1. What is the development, make-up, and foundation of the criminal justice system?
2. How do we apply historical and theoretical perspectives to contemporary criminal justice issues?
3. How has administering justice, maintaining equality, ethical decision-making, and ensuring human rights changed over time in a diverse society?
4. How does the interconnectedness within the criminal justice system help and hinder the administration of justice?
5. How are the major trends and issues affecting the criminal justice system and what are the possible solutions?

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These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

**Effective: Fall 2023**