

**Department of Social Work, Sociology, and Criminal Justice
Tarleton State University**

Master Course Syllabus

Course Prefix/Number: CJ 514

Official Course Title: Directed Study in Criminal Justice

Master Syllabus Approved by Department on: ____/____/____
month date year

I. Catalog Description: Demonstration of competency in criminal justice through completion of the master's comprehensive examinations and a substantial research project incorporating independent study and critical analysis of a specialized area of the field. This is the capstone course for the Master of Criminal Justice Program. Course fee: \$35.00.

II. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of the instructor.

III. Expanded Course Description: This is the capstone course for the Master of Criminal Justice Program. Course includes the completion of the master's comprehensive examinations and a criminal justice related project based in extensive original research.

IV. Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will master the depth of Criminal Justice knowledge.
 - a. Students will be able to initiate and complete independent research.
 - b. Students will demonstrate master's level research skills.
2. Students will demonstrate mastery of Criminal Justice technology.
3. Students will apply critical thinking to problem solving.
4. Students will demonstrate scholarship.

V. Course Requirements: Students will complete the Master of Criminal Justice comprehensive examinations and a substantial independent research project and produce a publication quality paper based on that research. Where appropriate, students will be assisted in presenting the paper at a professional conference or in submitting it for publication.

Department Head Signature/Date:

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Date