

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## CJ 688: Research & Planning

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3,4,5,6,7,8,1,2

Lecture Hours/Week: 0

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

An in-depth exploration of research and commentary in a topical area of interest to the student. Topics will be selected in consultation with a graduate advisor with expertise in the field of study. This course is repeatable for up to 8 credits.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 05/05/2022 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Securing and processing information from refereed journals
2. Distinguishing values from scientific research findings in criminal justice commentary
3. The overlap between values, politics, and research questions in criminal justice
4. Contemporary methods for studying criminal justice issues
5. Stakeholders in criminal justice research and policy

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Articulate the features of a problem area in criminal justice research or the criminal justice system.
2. Discuss in depth the state of research and commentary in a topical area of criminal justice.
3. Explain current thinking and scholarly conversation in a topical area of criminal justice.
4. Formulate research questions that address gaps in knowledge and understanding in a topical area of criminal justice.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted