



Criminal Justice (CRJS) 493

Risk Assessment and Threat Management (Revision 2)

Status: Replaced with new revision, see the **course listing** [↗](#) for the current revision **✖**

Delivery mode: Individualized study online [↗](#) with eText [↗](#)

Credits: 3

Area of study: Applied Study

Prerequisites: None

Precluded: CRJS 493 cannot be taken for credit if credit has already been obtained for HSRV 493

Challenge: CRJS 493 is not available for challenge.

Faculty: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences [↗](#)

Overview

CRJS 493: Risk Assessment and Threat Management is an undergraduate course designed as a primer for students who work or intend to work in fields such as law enforcement, institutional or community corrections, and public or private security. Lawyers, educators, health-care professionals, and conflict resolution specialists may also find *CRJS 493* helpful in their work.

CRJS 493 is organized into two parts. The first part includes a general overview of risk assessment, as well as a brief overview of theories of violence. The remainder of part one is devoted to risk assessment issues focused on various offender groups. For example, Units 6 and 7 discuss issues related to the assessment of risk for sexual violence and intimate partner violence, respectively. The first half of the course closes with a unit devoted to risk management and intervention. The second half of the course focuses entirely on the process of threat assessment and management. Although conceptually similar to risk assessment, threat assessment and management includes many distinct features. During this part of the course, students will be exposed to state-of-the-art threat assessment and management procedures, as well as the scientific literature on such topics as stalking and school violence.

Outline

CRJS 493: Risk Assessment and Threat Management is divided into two parts and sixteen weekly units:

PART I


- Unit 1: Introduction to Risk Assessment and Management; The Nature and Prevalence of Violence
- Unit 2: Theories of Violence
- Unit 3: Approaches to Violence Risk Assessment
- Unit 4: Substance Abuse, Mental Disorders, and Risk for Violence
- Unit 5: Assessment of Risk for General Violence
- Unit 6: Assessment of Risk for Sexual Violence
- Unit 7: Assessment of Risk for Violence Against Intimate Partners

- Unit 8: Risk Management and Intervention

PART II

- Unit 9: Introduction to Contemporary Threat Management
- Unit 10: The Path to Intended Violence
- Unit 11: Identifying Individuals of Violent Intent
- Unit 12: Assessing Individuals of Violent Intent
- Unit 13: Stalking
- Unit 14: School Violence
- Unit 15: Workplace and Institutional Violence
- Unit 16: Threat Management

Evaluation

Your final grade in *Criminal Justice 493: Risk Assessment and Threat Management* will be based on the grades you achieve on two written assignments and the final exam. Please note that the passing grade for the final exam is 50%. Also note that the final exam will be based on all course materials, including the commentaries in the Study Guide. To receive credit for CRJS 493, students must a) complete all assignments, b) obtain a grade of 50% or better on the final exam, and c) have an overall course grade of at least **D (50 per cent)** .


Activity	Weight	Complete by
Assignment 1	30%	Due by the end of Week 8 of Suggested Study Schedule.
Assignment 2	30%	Due by the end of Week 14 of Suggested Study Schedule.


Activity	Weight	Complete by
Final Exam	40%	Following completion of entire Study Guide and course assignments. During Week 18 of Suggested Study Schedule.
Total	100%	


The **final examination** for this course must be taken online with an AU-approved exam invigilator at an approved invigilation centre. It is your responsibility to ensure your chosen invigilation centre can accommodate online exams. For a list of invigilators who can accommodate online exams, visit the **Exam Invigilation Network** [↗](#).

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's **online Calendar** [↗](#).

Materials

Webster, C. D., Haque, Q., & Hucker, S. J. (2014). *Violence risk assessment and management*. (2nd ed.) West Sussex, England: John Wiley and Sons, Ltd.  (eText)

Meloy J. R. (2000). *Violence risk and threat assessment: A practical guide for mental health and criminal justice professionals*. San Diego: Specialized Training Services Press.  (Print)

Calhoun, F. S., & Weston, S. W. (2003). *Contemporary threat management: A practical guide for identifying, assessing and managing individuals of violent intent*. San Diego: Specialized Training Services Press.  (Print)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** [↗](#), please refer to our **eText Initiative site** [↗](#).

Readings

Additional journal articles are also assigned as readings in many of the units and are available in the Digital Reading Room (DRR). You will be directed to the appropriate readings throughout the course.

Important links

- › **Academic advising** [↗](#)
- › **Program planning** [↗](#)
- › **Request assistance** [↗](#)
- › **Support services** [↗](#)

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