



Criminal Justice (CRJS) 495

Sex Crimes (Revision 1)

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:	None
Challenge:	CRJS 495 has a challenge for credit option.
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences ↗

Overview

CRJS 495: Sex Crimes is a three-credit, senior-level course offered by Athabasca University. The course covers a range of topics that are of mutual interest to professionals involved in the administration of justice, including the enforcement or evaluation/rehabilitation sectors.

Sexual crimes, more than any other type, incite a reaction in the general population that includes anguish, fear and anger. The image of a violent pedophile is rarely without commentary from other community members. However, such strong sentiments are not accompanied by objective knowledge of this area of crime.


In this course, we explore a range of sex crimes to understand types of offenders and ways in which their behaviours can be modified. Students involved practically in the justice system will find the course content to be of specific relevance. Additionally, it will be of interest to those studying abnormal behaviour and criminology.

Outline


CRJS 495 comprises the following 7 units.

- Unit 1: Sex Behaviours, Crimes and Theories of Sexual Deviance (Chapters 1 and 2)
- Unit 2: Sex in History and Nuisance Sex Behaviours (Chapters 3 and 4)
- Unit 3: Incest and Pedophilia (Chapters 5 and 6)
- Unit 4: Pornography (Chapters 7 and 8)
- Unit 5: Sex, the Internet and Dangerous Sex Crimes (Chapters 9 and 10)
- Unit 6: Sexually Motivated Homicides and Sexual Assault (Chapters 11 and 12)
- Unit 7: Helping Victims and Rehabilitating Offenders (Chapters 13 and 14)

Evaluation

To receive credit for CRJS 495, you must achieve a course composite grade of at least a **D (50 percent)** . You must achieve a minimum grade of D (50 percent) on each assignment/examination. The weighting of the composite grade is as follows:


Activity	Weight
7 Unit Quizzes (5% each)	35%
Research Paper	25%
Exam	40%
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** .

Note: Weighting in grouped-study offerings may be altered to accommodate a classwork component.

Materials

Holmes, S. T., & Holmes, R. M. (2009). *Sex crimes: Patterns and behaviors* (3rd ed.). Los Angeles, CA: Sage.  (eText)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on **electronic textbooks** , please refer to our **eText Initiative site** .

Other Materials

Most of the course materials for CRJS 495 are available online through the myAU portal, and these will be sent to you before your course start date.

Challenge for credit

Overview

The challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about **challenge for credit** [↗](#) can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

Evaluation





To **receive credit** [↗](#) for CRJS 495, you must complete all evaluation components for the course (i.e., the 7 unit quizzes, the research paper and the final exam). Your overall grade must be **D (50 percent)** [📄](#) or better and you must pass the final exam. The passing grade for the exam is D (50 percent).

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Challenge for credit course registration form

Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
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