

Course Overview
CRJ 70XXX The Internet and Justice
Online Course, Fall 2003
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Course Description: Examines the nexus between the Internet and justice from four perspectives: 1) as an environment for public policy making, 2) as a source of information for research, 3) as a means by which justice system organizations implement policy and practice, and 4) as a means by which criminal justice scholars and research professionals communicate in instructional and consultative settings. In each case, the course will examine implications of the Internet for human rights, individual liberty and privacy.

Preliminary Outline:

Internet and Justice Policy
Internet-based Information Resources
The Internet and Human Rights, Individual Liberty and Privacy
Internet Applications by and for Justice Agencies
Internet Skills for Justice Research, Instruction and Consultation

Readings: Readings will be provided online, and will include recent and classic articles from journals and professional publications relating to the topics. A textbook will also be assigned relating to hypertext editing and design.

Assignments: Students will be expected to participate several times each week on an asynchronous basis. (See online format below.) Students will develop and present online discussions about selected issues, develop formal online instructional presentations using streaming media and web-based instructional technologies, and develop a term project in a hypertext format.

Online Format: The course will be delivered online using Blackboard. Students are expected to log on several times each week to participate in online discussions. Primary assignments will be developed for presentation to the other students in class.

Student Skill Expectations: Students should have routine access to the Internet. Advanced computer skills are not required or expected.