

A - New Course Proposal V. 7.2022 : Entry # 3445**DEAN Decision**

Approved

Date

01/11/2025

Is this course intracollegiate or intercollegiate?

Intracollegiate

DEAN Comments

CRJ crafting multiple 2-credit experiences for majors that fill in areas of subject matter interest. With only 12-credits of electives in the program, faculty has determined those must be composed of 4-credit experiences. Such 2-credit experiences are meant to fit into credit load. Student surveys have identified demand for multiple interest areas

SCHOOL EPC Decision

Approved

Date

03/14/2025

Begin Form**Today's Date**

02/10/2025

Your Name:

Shannon O'Toole

Your Email:sotoole@highpoint.edu**Are you a Department Chair?**

No

Department Chair Name

Alec Szalewski

Email address of your Department Chairaszalews@highpoint.edu**By checking below, I certify that my department chair has seen and approved the new course that I am proposing.**

Yes

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Humanities and Behavioral Sciences

When should this proposal take effect?

Spring 2026

Information for the Registrar**Choose the department designator from the list below.**

CRJ

Proposed Course Number?

4025

Is this course cross listed?

No

Does this course replace a current course?

No

What is the title of the new course?

Cold Case Investigations

Write the catalog description of your proposed course:

A practical experience that exposes the student to actual cold case homicide investigations. The student will have the opportunity to review evidence, interviews, and other information and make recommendations for future investigative actions. The course culminates with the submission of a comprehensive investigative review that will be provided to the affected law enforcement agency. Prerequisite: CRJ 1900 and Instructor Permission. Two Credits.

How many credit hours will this course be?

2

How will the course be graded?

Pass/Fail

Please select the course repeat option for this course:

Not repeatable for credit

What is the offering cycle for this course?

Every semester

Does your course have any prerequisites?

Yes

A - New Course Proposal V. 7.2022 : Entry # 3445**Please list all prerequisites this course requires:**

Prerequisite: CRJ 1900 and Instructor Permission.

Is this new course being proposed because of a new or revised major or minor proposal?

No.

Any other comments for the Registrar at this time?

We had to chose a term in the form, but we would like there to be no term for this course.

Gen Ed and Academic Programs**Is this course part of Gen Ed?**

- No

Does this course count towards a major or a minor?

No, it does not count toward any particular major or minor

Please list the Major / Minor and if it is Required or Elective

This is a CRJ course that is not required and does not count as a CJ elective.

Is this course part of an academic program?

- This course does not fulfill academic program requirements

Does this course include any community engagement?

No

Does this course participate in the GoGlobal Program?

No

Information for Curriculum Review**Rationale and evidence for new course's consistency with departmental mission:**

Offering a class on cold case investigations will allow students to better understand the investigative process, methods available in analyzing evidence and importance of focusing on every available detail. This class will expose students to several investigators, agencies and law enforcement decision makers. This course will also provide students with knowledge and skills that will enhance their internship and career opportunities in a variety of areas within the criminal justice system.

List all student learning outcomes for this course.

At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of:

- 1) A cold case criminal investigation.
- 2) Lapses in previous investigative efforts.
- 3) The forensic testing measures for the submission of evidence.

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- 4) The investigative options available to further a cold case investigation.
- 5) Creating a comprehensive report suggesting future investigative actions.

List any units or content areas that will be required for all sections of this course.

N/A.

List any assignments, tests, or other assessments that will be required for all sections of this course.

N/A.

List any readings or other materials that will be required for all sections of this course.

N/A.

List any course policies that will be required for all sections of this course.

N/A.

If you would like to specify how requirements for contact hours must be met for all sections of this course, please indicate below. (e.g., if any experiential learning activities will replace seat time)

N/A.

Is there anything else the reviewing parties should know about this new course proposal that hasn't been addressed?

N/A.

Sample Syllabus

- [CRJ-4025-Cold-Case-Investigations.pdf](#)