

CJPP 6200 / Professional Seminar in CJPP / Winter 2026

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This course introduces students to graduate studies in Criminal Justice and Public Policy. It orients students to key disciplinary perspectives including sociology, political science and criminology, as well as to professional roles in the criminal justice and public policy sectors. Students will acquire practical professional skills necessary to succeed in graduate studies and effectively compete for professional roles in the criminal justice field. Networking sessions may include invited professionals from law enforcement, policy, non-profit, and research sectors. Topics may include assistantship responsibilities, applying for scholarships and further graduate study, presentation skills, career search strategies, resume development, and networking opportunities with industry professionals.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Contribute collegially, critically, and constructively to the intellectual culture of the graduate program, departments and relevant disciplinary communities.
- Apply knowledge about employability and graduate excellence to effectively market oneself to potential employers and/or advanced graduate programs.
- Engage professionally with others working within the criminal justice sector.
- Understand how to create and mobilize knowledge clearly and accessibly, in written, oral, and visual forms, with and for multiple audiences.
- Demonstrate ethical, accountable, and socially responsible behaviour through our scholarly interactions.

Evaluation:

Class Engagement & Participation	12%	Ongoing
Reflection Papers (x6)	18%	7 days following each networking class
Individual Development Plan	20%	Ongoing
Professional or Academic Presentation	25%	Individual Presentation
3-Minute Thesis	25%	Week 12

Readings:

All readings will be available through ARES, through the library e-journals, or on CourseLink.

Please note that elements of this outline may be revised slightly as needed; a final syllabus will be posted on CourseLink at the start of term.