



**Bow Valley  
College**

## **Course Outline**

**JUST2998**

Justice Studies Applied  
Research and Capstone  
Project  
Fall 2025 - Current

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## JUST2998 Justice Studies Applied Research and Capstone Project

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course gives learners the opportunity to demonstrate applied research, critical reflection, communication, and presentation skills in multifaceted projects that merge academic and intellectual experiences while investigating a social problem within the justice field. Under supervision of a faculty member with industry experience students will present a viable, evidence-based, and practical response to a systemic need that has been identified.

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| REQUISITES         | <p>Complete all of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete at least 27 credits from the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Justice Studies Diploma Program</li> <li>◦ Complete the following courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JUST1301 - Professional Report Writing and Presentations (3)</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ Complete or concurrently enroll in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ HMSV2304 - Trauma-Informed Practice (3)</li> <li>▪ JUST1103 - Foundations of Ethics and Justice (3)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| EQUIVALENTS        | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| CREDITS            | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| HOURS              | 45                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ELIGIBLE FOR PLAR  | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ZERO TEXTBOOK COST | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

### COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Bow Valley College is committed to ensuring our graduates can demonstrate their abilities in key areas that will make them effective citizens and encourage their development as lifelong learners. In addition to the discipline-specific skills that learners acquire in their programs, the College has identified ten learning outcomes.

#### College-Wide Outcomes:

1. Communication
2. Thinking Skills
3. Numeracy and Financial Literacy
4. Working with Others

5. Digital Literacy
6. Positive Attitudes and Behaviours
7. Continuous Learning
8. Health and Wellness Awareness
9. Citizenship and Intercultural Competence
10. Environmental Sustainability

| # | COURSE LEARNING OUTCOME(S)                                                                    | COLLEGE WIDE OUTCOMES SUPPORTED |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Examine current and emerging trends in the justice field                                      | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9             |
| 2 | Assess gaps in service of the police, courts, and/or corrections                              | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9             |
| 3 | Perform professional research, program planning, project management, and document composition | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9             |
| 4 | Establish a professional network                                                              | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9             |
| 5 | Demonstrate effective objective evaluation and feedback skills                                | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9             |
| 6 | Identify effective interdisciplinary approaches to systemic problems in the justice field     | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9             |

## COURSE MODULES AND SCHEDULE

*\*Course schedule subject to change, depending on delivery mode and term of study. For exact dates, please consult the Course Offering Information in Brightspace.*

## WEEK/HOURS MODULES

|               |                                                                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week one      | Introduction to Research and Capstone Course                                      |
| Week two      | Scholarly Research Methods                                                        |
| Week three    | Creating a Research Timeline                                                      |
| Week four     | Techniques in Advanced Academic Writing                                           |
| Week five     | Gaps in Service/Systemic Concerns                                                 |
| Week six      | Early findings of Research Review and Literature Review                           |
| Week seven    | Mid-term Meeting with Community Partners                                          |
| Week eight    | Reading Week                                                                      |
| Week nine     | Formulating Recommendations and Future Directions                                 |
| Week ten      | Bridging Disciplines: Critical Approaches to Systemic Issues and Scholarly Review |
| Week eleven   | Critical Thinking and Social Problems                                             |
| Week twelve   | Presenting with Impact: Strategies for Delivering Scholarly Research              |
| Week thirteen | From Practice to Performance: Enhancing Presentation Skills through Feedback      |
| Week fourteen | From Inquiry to Impact: Presenting Research Outcomes to Partners                  |
| Week fifteen  | From Inquiry to Impact: Presenting Research Outcomes to Partners                  |

## ASSESSMENT

### COURSE

### LEARNING ASSESSMENT OUTCOME(S)

### WEIGHT

|                     |                                          |     |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 | Literature Review (minimum of two)       | 30% |
| 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 | Written Recommendations (minimum of two) | 30% |
| 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 | Peer and Self Evaluations                | 10% |
| 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 | PowerPoint Presentation                  | 10% |
| 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 | Final Presentation                       | 20% |

Important: For details on each assignment and exam, please see the Course Offering Information.

## PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

A grade of P is required to pass this course. Learners may be required to pass this course in order to progress in the program or to meet specific program completion requirements.

- Learners should demonstrate an above satisfactory performance and meet the course outcomes and objectives. An overall minimum final mark in JUST2998 must be 75%, letter grade B to be considered a pass.
- A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.0 is required for graduation.

Please consult with the program area or the Bow Valley College website for further details.

## GRADING SCHEME

| Symbol | Description                                              | Grade Point Value |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| P      | Pass                                                     | N/A               |
| F      | Fail                                                     | N/A               |
| BD     | Basic/Developing (Foundational programming courses only) | N/A               |
| CM     | Complete                                                 | N/A               |
| NCM    | Not Complete                                             | N/A               |

## REQUIRED LEARNING RESOURCES

Additional learning resources may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Brightspace.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be found in the Course Offering Information or in Brightspace.

## ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Learners with a disability (learning, physical, and/or mental health) may qualify for academic and exam accommodations. For more information, or to apply for accommodations, learners should make an

appointment with Accessibility Services in the Learner Success Services (LSS) Department. Accessibility Services can also assist learners who may be struggling with learning but do not have a formal diagnosis. To make an appointment visit LSS on the first floor of the south campus or call 403-410-1440. It is the learner's responsibility to contact Accessibility Services and request academic accommodations. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/accessibility>.

## INSTITUTIONAL POLICIES

Bow Valley College is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Learners are urged to become familiar with and uphold the following policies: Academic Integrity (500-1-7), Learner Code of Conduct, Procedures and Guidelines (500-1-1), Learner Appeals (500-1-12), Attendance (500-1-10), Grading (500-1-6), Academic Continuance and Graduation (500-1-5), and Electronic Communications (300-2-13). Audio or video recording of lectures, labs, seminars, or any other teaching and learning environment by learners is allowed only with consent of the instructor as part of an approved accommodation plan. Recorded material is to be used solely for personal study and is not being used or distributed without prior written consent from the instructor.

### **Turnitin:**

Students may be required to submit their course work to Turnitin, a third-party service provider engaged by BVC. Turnitin identifies plagiarism by checking databases of electronic books and articles, archived webpages, and previously submitted student papers. Students acknowledge that any course work or essays submitted to Turnitin will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where it will be used solely to detect plagiarism. The terms that apply to a student's use of Turnitin are described on Turnitin.com.

### **Online Exam Proctoring:**

Examinations for this course may require proctoring through an online proctoring service. Online proctoring enables online exam taking within a controlled and monitored environment, thereby enhancing academic integrity. Online proctoring may occur through a variety of methods, including but not limited to:

- a. live online proctoring where a remote invigilator authenticates identity and observes completion of an exam using specialized software and recordings;
- b. automated proctoring where the exam session is recorded and AI (artificial intelligence) analyzed;
- c. browser lockdown that limits access to other applications, websites, copying, printing, screen capture and other functions; or
- d. a combination of both live/automated proctoring and browser lockdown.

Course instructors will review recordings, analyses, and data obtained through online proctoring for academic integrity infractions. It is the student's responsibility to meet the technical, software, location, and identity verification requirements necessary to enable online proctoring.

Further details of these policies are available in the Academic Calendar and on the Bow Valley College website, [bowvalleycollege.ca](http://bowvalleycollege.ca).

Learners are encouraged to keep a copy of this course outline for future reference.

**Collection of Personal Information:**

This course, including your image and voice, may be recorded and made available to you and other students taking the course section. By attending the class(es) online or in person, you consent to the collection of your personal information. If you do not wish to be recorded, please contact your instructor before starting the course/class to discuss alternative arrangements.

You may use the recordings only for educational purposes and you must not copy, share, or use the recordings for any other purpose without the instructor's express permission.

Your personal information is collected in accordance with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Alberta) to deliver academic programming, support learner flexibility, promote universal design for learning principles, and for purposes consistent with the course activities and outcomes. If you have any questions about the collection, disclosure, use, or protection of this information, please contact the College's Access and Privacy Officer at [foip@bowvalleycollege.ca](mailto:foip@bowvalleycollege.ca).