

1) Classes I have taken that contribute towards the institutions I want to go into

A. Survey of Criminal Justice (CRIM 100)

This base level class introduced me to the 3 major elements of criminal justice which are courts, corrections and policing. This class peaked my interest in policing/law enforcement which is where I want to go into after college.

B. Into to policing (CRIM 210)

This class was all about policing and then policies that come with that

C. Criminal Theory (CRIM 402)

While challenging, this course taught me WHY criminals commit crime and WHY there are certain policies in place. The why is one of the most important elements of policing.

D. Con Law (CRIM 455)

This was one of the most informational classes as I learned all of the amendments and read over the constitution.

E. Crime Control Strategies (CRIM 495)

This course went over strategies that are used to control crime such as hot spot policing, community policing and other methods that have been used and failed, and methods that are used in present day.

F. My Internship (CRIM 492)

My internship with the Cumberland Sheriff's Office gave me hands on experience with law enforcement and the court system.

2) Three papers that reflect what I learned in the class

A. Criminal Theory (CRIM 402)

For our final paper, we got to pick a pop culture film or show of our choice and apply theory to it. This stretched my mind to think about a show that I was able to apply theories to. I picked The Walking Dead and applied theory to the show. This was one of my first major papers in CRIM and it was very cookie cutter and basic.

B. Con Law (CRIM 455)

Each paper we wrote was about a specific case and we had to apply law to it with specific cases that occurred in history. This was very detail oriented and made me think about what was “wrong” and which laws were broken in each case. This is very real world because when I am out on the streets, I have to be able to make judgements like this and arrest/pull people over while having a law in mind that they are breaking.

C. My Internship (CRIM 492)

For obvious reasons, this paper really summarized my CRIM degree. I applied everything I learned over the past 4 years to what I was doing at my internship. From laws, to theories to due process. This paper was all about the real world and what I would be doing on a day-to-day process on the streets as an officer in law enforcement.