



Fall 2017

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

CRJU 591: Adolescent Mentoring

You will be involved in an intensive helping relationship with youth at risk for school failure and involvement in the justice system. What is accomplished within this relationship can make an important difference both for the youth and for you, the mentor.

The first six weeks of the semester will be spent preparing you to provide quality service to at-risk youth. Classes during the training portion of the course will focus on training you in effective methods of intervention with at-risk adolescents.

Once the training has been completed, class begins to be solely based on mentoring and case responsibilities. At this time, you will be matched with a student(s) from Pair Education Center (PEC), and Wednesday classes will begin meeting at PEC. On Wednesdays, each session at PEC will be divided into two parts. First, all mentors and mentees will meet together as a group. Group topics may include introductions, career planning, leadership, etc. Second, pairs of mentors and mentees will meet individually. You will use this time to help your mentee identify development goals and build competence and character to reach those goals.

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This is a writing intensive course. It counts toward the Major and Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Prerequisites: CRJU 351, orientation session attendance, completion of the Adolescent Mentoring Program application, and consent of the instructor

Monday & Wednesday: 9:40 – 10:55 a.m.