What roles do women play in our justice system?

Women in Criminal Justice (CJS 339) focuses on the four major roles of women in the criminal justice system – women as criminal offenders, women as inmates, women as victims, and women as criminal justice professionals/practitioners. Students will examine the theoretical and applied nature of each area with respect to the overall treatment of women. The course is taught through fully interactive learning modules containing links, videos, self-quizzes, innovative discussion and review exercises. Additionally, we’ll end the course by taking an optional tour of a maximum security women’s prison!

A preview of exciting topics include:

- feminist perspectives and the law
- how much and what crimes women commit
- theories of female criminality
- juvenile delinquency and victimization
- definitions of rape and sexual abuse
- battering
- international violence against women
- the criminalization of women’s bodies
- sexual harassment and affirmative action