Hello everyone! Welcome to Directed Research. My name is Professor Neal, and I will be your instructor for Directed Research.

The course is designed to allow you to research a topic within the field of criminal justice and criminology of interest to you, and to showcase all that you have learned during your course work here at Hillsborough Community College. As criminal justice professionals it will be imperative that you are able to analyze and interpret data and to effectively communicate, both verbally and in written form. This paper allows you to begin to do that. While it may seem like a daunting task, it is absolutely a rewarding experience and you will be proud of your end product.

Please note that we do NOT meet as a class. Everything is done via email, telephone or individual meetings with the instructor. Any class announcements/reminders will be made on Campus Cruiser, so check in periodically.

Once the semester begins, I will also email the syllabus (specifically tailored to that semester, a general syllabus can be found on our web site – www.hccfl.edu/cjt) to you as well as letter explaining all that you need to do for the course. The syllabus fully explains the requirements for the course. Please review it in its entirety as important information is included. Because we do not meet as a class, this is especially important for this class.

A grading rubric will be provided in the Syllabus so that you know how your paper is going to be graded.

Note that the research paper (directed research) is no longer tied to the internship. Therefore, your paper does not have to be on your internship. There are suggestions in the syllabus on appropriate research topics. If you have trouble thinking of a topic, you may email me and we can discuss together. I will be more than happy to help you with a topic.

I look forward to working with you!

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